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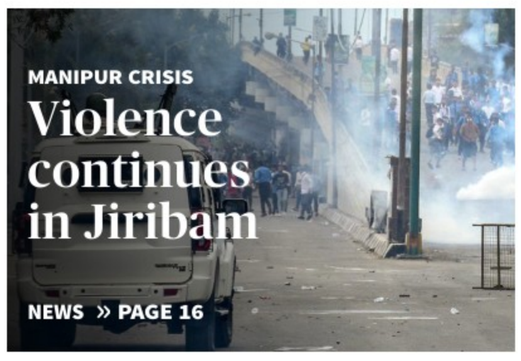

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Inflation under 4%, but vegetable prices up again

Tomato prices eased, but rural food inflation surpassed 6%; economists expect the inflation pace to pick up from this month as the base effect fades; rural consumers feel the pinch more

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's retail inflation stayed under the Reserve Bank of India's median target of 4% for the second successive month in August, even as it inched up marginally to 3.65% from an upwardly revised 3.6% in July. August's inflation pace is the second-slowest in five years.

The base effect from last year, when retail prices rose 6.8% in August, helped keep inflation growth in check yet again, but food inflation quickened from July's 13-month low of 5.4% to 5.7%, and crossed the 6% mark in rural India. Overall, rural inflation stayed elevated compared with that faced by urban consumers, rising marginally from 4.1% in July to 4.16%, while urban inflation stood at 3.14% in August.

Tomatoes reported the sharpest drop in prices, which declined 47.9% year-on-year, and 28.8% on a month-on-month basis. The National Statistical Office said that India's food inflation for August was the second lowest since June 2023. Despite the respite in tomato prices, vegetables inflation shot back into double digits to hit 10.7% after slipping to 6.8% in July. The price of spices fell 4.4% from last August, but pulses inflation stayed firm at 13.6%, marking the 15th straight month of 10%-plus price rise.

Economists reckoned the pace of price rise would resurge from this month, as the beneficial base effects would dissipate – the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was up 5% last September.

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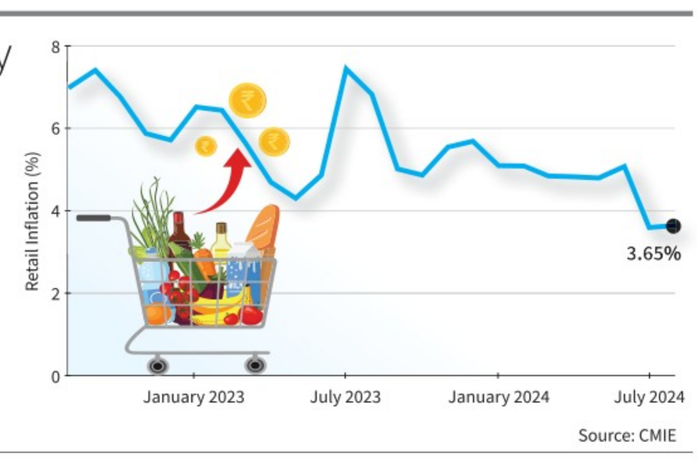

Communist veteran Sitaram Yechury passes away at 72

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sitaram Yechury

Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here on Thursday. He was 72.

Mr. Yechury was admitted to the hospital on August 19 with "pneumonia-like" symptoms and had been on respiratory support for the past few days.

In one of his last video messages from the hospital, Mr. Yechury paid tribute to former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee on August 22. In an emotional farewell message to the former CM who had passed away a few days before, Mr. Yechury said: "It's most unfortunate that I had to connect from AIIMS to convey my feelings, emotions and revolutionary *Lal Salaam* to Buddho *Da*."

Tributes poured from across the political spectrum for Mr. Yechury, a two-term Rajya Sabha MP who had friends across the aisle. The CPI(M) Polit Bureau said his untimely demise at "this crucial juncture in our national politics is a big blow for the CPI(M) and a grievous loss for the Left, democratic and secular forces".

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Doctors refuse to meet CM without livestreaming

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

In a dramatic stand-off at the West Bengal State Secretariat on Thursday, striking resident doctors from State-run hospitals arrived for talks with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee but then refused to enter the auditorium as the government would not allow them to livestream the meeting.

The doctors said their demand was to ensure transparency, but the government insisted that since the protest was triggered by the rape and murder of a doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, which is a *sub judice* matter, the meeting could not be streamed or telecast live.

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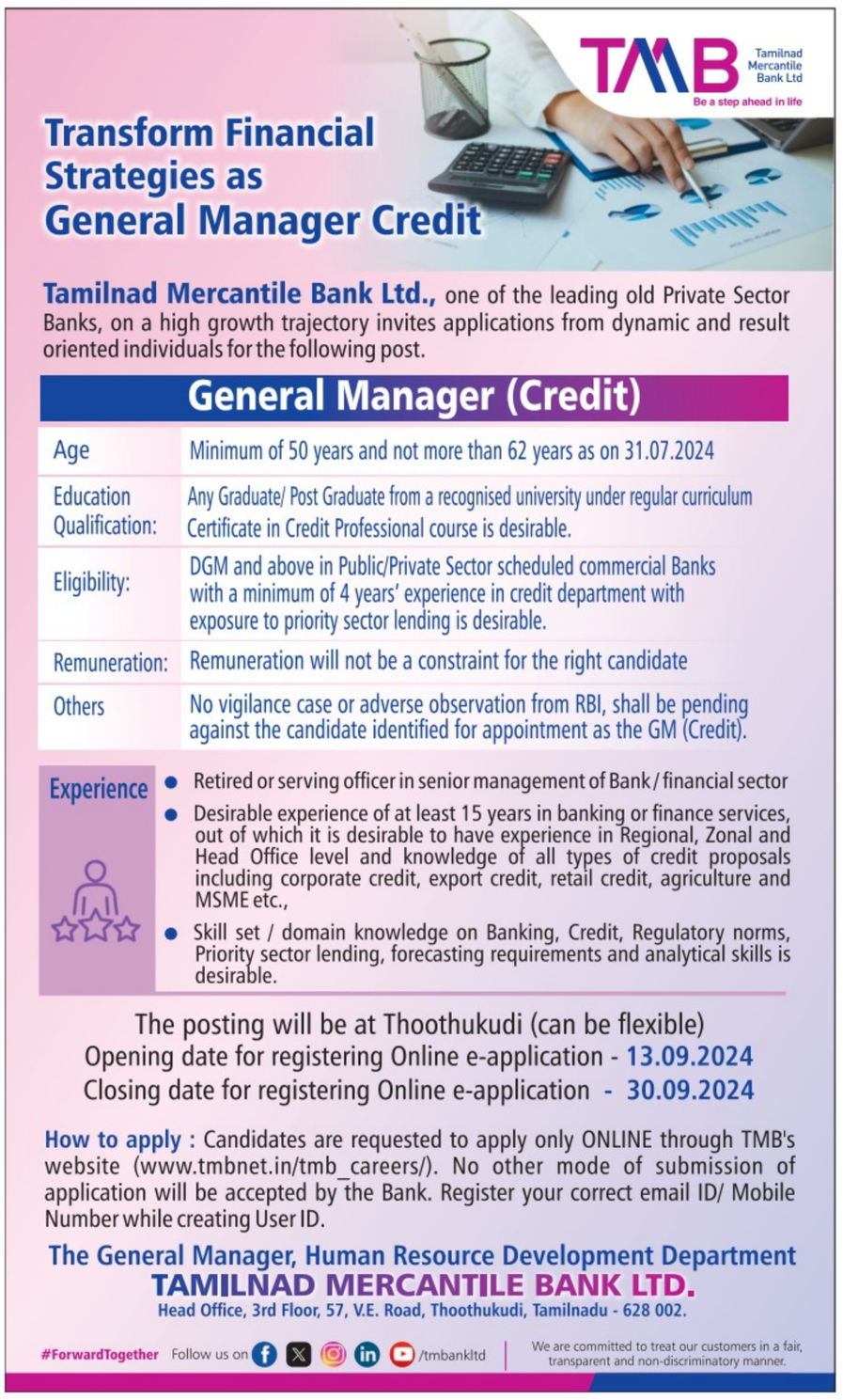
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52 held after clashes during procession in Nagamangala

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The situation in Nagamangala town in Mandya district, which witnessed violence on Wednesday night during a Ganesha immersion procession, was tense but under control on Thursday.

There was no fresh untoward incidents, and 52 persons have been taken into custody.

Prohibitory orders are in place in the town till September 14 and about 600 police personnel, including those from the Karnataka State Reserve Police, have been deployed.

Though educational institutions remained closed as a precautionary measure on Thursday, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Kumar said that schools and colleges would remain open and function normally on Friday. Violence broke out when the Ganesha procession stopped near a place of worship and youths raised slogans for a few minutes. This led to members from the minority community assembling at the spot and raising slogans as well.

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Can the classy Rahul find consistency to stave off the contenders?

Since 2017, the Karnataka batter has frustrated the connoisseurs with lack of form in Tests, but would be eager to show his value to the team in the middle-order; a slew of injuries hasn't helped, but KL has often appeared his worst enemy, allowing himself to be bogged down mentally and inviting the same unwelcome trait to his batting as well

K. MURALI KUMAR

R. Kaushik

In July-August 2012, after a stint at the National Cricket Academy working both on a chronic troublesome back and on his batting, V.V.S. Laxman turned out for Hyderabad Cricket Association XI in the Safi Darashah Trophy conducted by the Karnataka State Cricket Association, in preparation for the international season beginning with a Test series against New Zealand in late August.

Laxman had a rare forgettable tour of Australia and was determined to make amends, with Test tours by England and Australia to India in the offing over the next six months. Eventually, he announced his retirement from Test cricket after not being named in the squad for the two Tests against New Zealand, but that's another matter altogether.

Gushing about a youngster

In Mysuru in the group encounter of the said Safi Darashah Trophy, Laxman reiterated his class with a blazing 169 against the KSCA President's XI in the four-day encounter. It might have been a routine day in office for someone who had lorded over the most fearsome bowlers in Test cricket in all parts of the world, but 169 wasn't trifling. Yet, all he could do was gush about a youngster from the opposition, who had made a flowing 74 on the first day of the match.

That youngster answered to the name of K.L. Rahul. By then, Rahul had played for, and led, the India Under-19 team, including at the World Cup in New Zealand in 2010, and made his Ranji Trophy debut the same year, playing three matches for Karnataka with modest success. He was overlooked for the entire 2011-12 season, something that baffled Laxman. "We will hear a lot more of this lad very soon," Laxman insisted.

We did, and not too long after that pronouncement. Back in the mix for the 2012-13 season, the classy right-hander amassed 400 runs in five matches, among them a beautiful 157, the first of many First Class hundreds to follow.

He had impressed the selectors enough to make it to the South Zone Duleep Trophy team the following season, when he shook up the established order with a whopping 1,158 runs in 15 matches at 52.63. That earned him a berth in the India-A team that toured Australia in July 2014, and eventually in the Test squad that travelled Down Under for a four-match series in 2014-15.

Having sat out the first two games in Adelaide and Brisbane, Rahul made his debut at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground in the Boxing Day Test of 2014, batting at an unfamiliar No. 6 in the first innings before being pushed up to No. 3 in the second. The 22-year-old didn't have a game to remember, perishing to a top-edged sweep off Nathan Lyon in the first innings for three and caught by slip jogging back after another top-edge, this time trying to pull a short ball from outside off against Mitchell Johnson for one. Too many strokes too early, the pundits pronounced, unforgivingly. So much hype, where's the substance?

Arriving in style

The 'substance' came in his next Test innings, at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Returned to his comfort zone - opening the batting - Rahul was completely at home both in the cauldron of Test cricket and against the crack bowling group of Mitchell Starc, Ryan Harris, Josh Hazlewood, Shane Watson and Nathan Lyon.

Despite losing M. Vijay in the first over of India's reply to Australia's 572 for seven, Rahul batted with rare composure and assurance, as if the twin meltdowns of his debut Test hadn't happened at all. Alongside Rohit Sharma, he added 97 for the second wicket, then associated himself in a stand of 141 for the defied third with his captain, Virat Kohli.

For the second time in as many innings, the pull from outside off-stump against a left-arm quick proved his undoing, Starc taking a comfortable return catch, but unlike a week ago, Rahul walked back to a standing ovation. He had defied the Aussies for four minutes short of six hours, confidently negotiating 262 deliveries on his way to a silken smooth 110.

It was an innings that was quintessentially Rahul, as one would come to realise later, full of flowing drives, punchy back-foot strokes and a lazy elegance that comes to those who have just that little extra time compared to the lesser mortals. No one was talking about the hype any more.

Within 20 months of his Test debut, Rahul had scored an international century in each of the three formats. His maiden One-Day International ton came on debut, in Harare against Zimbabwe in June 2016; he ticked off the Twenty20 International milestone two months later against West Indies in Lauderhill in his fourth appearance, establishing his credentials as an all-format player capable of playing to the situation, to the demands of each of the formats. That all his maiden centuries had come overseas added to the monumental achievement. This Rahul, he was the real deal.

While those early heroics can't be dismissed as a false dawn, Rahul hasn't quite touched the dizzying heights the initial promise - and performances - triggered.

Struggling for consistency

A slew of untimely injuries hasn't helped, but Rahul has often appeared his worst enemy, allowing himself to be bogged down mentally and therefore inviting the same unwelcome trait to his batting as well. From a free-stroking, uninhibited ball-striker who once made nine half-centuries in 11 Test innings between February and November 2017, Rahul has since struggled for consistency in the longer format, fusing occasional shows of unalloyed brilliance with numerous sub-par knocks that have frustrated the connoisseurs simply because he is capable of so much more.

Especially in T20Is, where he is now superfluous to India's plans - he hasn't represented the country in that format since the semifinal loss to England in the T20 World Cup in November 2022 - Rahul has struggled to shed the mental shackles, often going into a shell of his own making. It might appear strange to say so about someone who averages 37.75 and strikes at 139.12 in 72 20-over games for the country, but that merely serves to reiterate the huge talent that he is. In ODIs, though, he has found his calling as a middle-order wicketkeeper-batter-finisher, much like his illustrious namesake from the same state. It will be no exaggeration to state that even with Rishabh Pant now back in action, Rahul is the country's No. 1 wicketkeeper-batter in 50-over cricket, where his versatility and explosiveness were on view for most of the home World Cup last year.

A veteran of 50 Tests, it's the longest format where Rahul faces his most immediate and intense challenge. Relieved of opening duties now resting with Rohit and Yashasvi Jaiswal, he has been batting in the middle-order since the tour of South Africa late last year, when he also donned the big gloves.

In his first innings in that avatar, he made a scintillating 101 in Centurion when the others around him floundered; back home against England, where he played as a specialist batter, he built on that with an exceptional 86 in the first Test in Hyderabad but missed the last four games with a quadriceps injury.

In his absence, Sarfaraz Khan stepped up to the plate with three fearless fifties in five innings. The Mumbaikar is Rahul's closest competitor for a middle-order slot in the Test team, though it is more than likely that it's the older man who will win the nod for the start of a series of ten Tests in the next four months, starting with the game against Bangladesh in Chennai next Thursday.

Then, there is Shreyas Iyer, currently out of favour, and Devdutt Padikkal, who impressed on his debut against England in Dharamshala. It's also possible that at some stage going forward, both Pant and Dhruv Jurel might be considered for the playing XI, one of them in the garb of a batter alone. It's up to Rahul, and his scything willow, to stave off the contenders, because what he brings to the table is plenty more than just an accomplished batter.

One of a handful of men to have captained the country in all three formats, it would appear as if the captaincy ship has now sailed, with Shubman Gill appointed vice-captain for both white-ball formats during the recent limited-overs showdowns in Sri Lanka. Gill is being viewed as a long-term leadership prospect but that doesn't necessarily mean Rahul's captaincy days at the international level are well behind him.

Even if he isn't the designated skipper, he has plenty to offer tactically and strategically, though for the time being, the leadership position will be the last thing on his mind.

Bangladesh and New Zealand at home over the next eight weeks will offer a formidable challenge, without a doubt, but already, India will have one eye on the big one that lies in wait between November and January - a first five-Test outing to Australia since 1991-92. It was in Australia, a decade ago, that Rahul showcased his unquestioned mettle on a global platform. A return to the same country that provided the springboard to his success should inspire him no end. After all, he is far, far better than an average of 34.08 from 50 Tests would indicate. More than any other sport, cricket is a numbers' game and while Rahul has wowed and enthralled with his stunning batsmanship, his legacy will eventually be shaped by how consistently he contributes to the team's cause. He is but 32, roundabout the age where batters generally hit their peak. What does he have in store for us?

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Guarantee schemes providing at least ₹4,000 per month to each family: Siddaramaiah

He was speaking at the launch of 100 new BS-6 diesel buses, part of a larger fleet of 840 buses for BMTC

The Hindu Bureau
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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that the State government's guarantee schemes have been benefiting lakhs of people, providing assistance of at least ₹4,000 per month to each family, thereby strengthening their financial stability.

Speaking at the launch of 100 BS-6 diesel buses, part of a larger fleet of 840 buses for the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), on Thursday, Mr. Siddaramaiah emphasised the positive impact of the schemes, including Shakti, which offers free bus travel for women on State-run buses.

The first batch of 100 BS-VI buses, part of a total 840 buses to be added to the BMTC fleet, was launched in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

'BJP is anti-poor'

Targeting the Opposition, Mr. Siddaramaiah accused the BJP of opposing these pro-people schemes. "BJP, which is anti-poor and anti-middle class, is campaigning against these guarantee schemes. Do not listen to this propaganda," he said. Mr. Siddaramaiah also claimed to be facing challenges from the Central government regarding the distribution of rice to the poor. "When we went ahead with the scheme of giving rice to the poor, the Central government gave us trouble by not providing rice. But instead of rice, we gave money to the people," he added.

More buses needed

At the bus launch, Mr. Siddaramaiah underscored the need for more public transportation as Bengaluru's population continues to rise. "We are adding new buses to BMTC to accommodate the growing working-class population in the city. We have also reopened Indira Canteens, which were closed by the previous government, and plan to start more to support the working class," he said. The new fleet of BS-6 buses, costing ₹336 crore, will reduce emissions and enhance commuter comfort, according to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy. Initially, BMTC had awarded the bus procurement tender to Tata Motors in October 2022, but after technical difficulties, it was re-awarded to Ashok Leyland.

"To enhance public transportation services in Bengaluru and address rising air pollution caused by vehicles, BMTC has initiated several measures. One of these is the inclusion of 840 BS-VI, non-air-conditioned, On-board diagnostics (OBD)-2 compliant diesel buses from Ashok Leyland into its fleet. The purchase, amounting to ₹336 crore, is financially supported by the State government," Mr. Reddy said.

Some features of the BS-VI diesel buses are near-zero emissions, 90% reduction in NOx, 11 metre long, non-AC, diesel; 41 high-back seats, three surveillance cameras; LED displays, voice announcements, panic alarms; fire Detection System, real-time tracking, automatic doors, air suspension.

Greenpeace India and garment workers submit petition to DULT

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Greenpeace India, along with the women garment workers' community of Tumakuru Road area, submitted 28,995 petitions to the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) demanding the execution of 11 bus priority lanes in Bengaluru as proposed in the city's Comprehensive Mobility Plan as well as the reinstallation of one of the bus lanes on Outer Ring Road.

Greenpeace India said that Tumakuru Road in Bengaluru is one of the city's key routes, connecting the central business district with the northwestern suburbs and industrial areas.

"This road experiences significant traffic congestion, especially during peak hours as it handles a substantial volume of traffic including heavy delivery trucks travelling to and from the factories combined with other vehicles on the route," Greenpeace India said.

It further added that Bengaluru's public bus transport has seen a notable increase in ridership among women due to the Shakti scheme implemented by the Karnataka government in 2023 which allows free travel for women in State-run non-premium buses.

"The installation of a dedicated bus lane on the Outer Ring Road in 2020 increased the daily ridership by 3,727 in a month as stated by BMTC. However, the lack of dedicated public bus lanes affects the mobility of marginalised communities, largely women and other bus commuters who are dependent on public buses for their daily commute," it said.

Additionally, the garment workers' community also demanded streamlined, safe, and well-managed public bus infrastructure, with an increased BMTC fleet size of 15,000, better frequency, and routes covering all areas effectively.

"Bus lanes are an important part of any public bus transport system which help to improve the efficiency and reliability of public bus. By submitting the petition demands to DULT with the support of members of the public, Greenpeace India aims at a fair and just transition by including the marginalised communities in amplifying the demand for public bus transport in Bengaluru," said Sharat M.S., Greenpeace India

Jaymala, a garment factory worker from Tumakuru Road said, "It takes two hours to go from Nagasandra on Tumakuru Road to the central areas of the city like K.R. Market. If the bus lane is demarcated, then it reduces travel time considerably. Instead of using the metro, we will be able to use the bus instead and save on the commute expenses."

'Privatisation of BDA complexes will entangle CM like MUDA scam'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Activists S.R. Hiremath and Chetan Ahimsa with N. Santhosh Hegde, former Supreme Court judge at 'BDA Complex Ulisi Horata Samiti' protest in Bengaluru on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

In sharp criticism of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) State president Mukhyamantri Chandru warned that the alleged scam involving the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) complexes would entangle him just like the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam.

Speaking at 'Save BDA Complex Action Committee' protest held at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Thursday, Mr. Chandru said, "The State government is moving forward with plans to privatise BDA complexes. AAP will firmly oppose this decision, and if the Chief Minister does not intervene, the BDA scam will end up wrapped around his neck, just like the MUDA scam."

He further criticised the move, stating, "BDA assets should not be handed over to private entities under any circumstances. This is nothing short of daylight robbery under the guise of a contract." Former Karnataka Lokayukta N. Santosh Hegde also criticised the government's actions. "The Siddaramaiah-led government is looking to privatise BDA complexes to benefit the wealthy. Middle-class traders are running their businesses in BDA complexes and supporting their families. But the corrupt are intent on taking over these valuable properties," he said. State organising secretary Mohan Dasari said, "We have been opposing the privatisation of BDA complexes, including those in Indiranagar and Koramangala, for years. The government now plans to privatise seven complexes, and while they claim it's only a lease agreement, the reality is different. These agreements last for 30 years and can be extended for another 30 years."

Mr. Dasari warned that many of these complexes, some of which are over 90 years old, could ultimately end up in private hands. "Once redeveloped, 70% of the space will go to private entities, leaving only 30% for the BDA. These complexes are located in prime areas and are valued at between ₹20,000 crore and ₹25,000 crore," he added.

Khandre proposes establishing water purification plants near lakes in city

The Hindu Bureau
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Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has written to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah urging him to convene a meeting with the ministers concerned to discuss the possibility of establishing water purification plants near lakes in Bengaluru, and supply the treated water for building construction and industrial activities.

In his letter, Mr. Khandre said the decision taken by the State Government to treat wastewater from high-rise buildings in Bengaluru and sell it for building construction purposes was hugely successful. This measure, he said, is helping in conserving drinking water besides generating income from wastewater for high-rise buildings, and also providing water to builders.

A file photo of the STP at Koramangala-Challaghatta Valley in Yemalur village between HAL and Bellandur lake.

This was appreciated during a recent meeting of real estate firms chaired by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. Mr Khandre said this can be replicated with the lakes in Bengaluru.

Drinking water

"There is the Thippagondanahalli reservoir, which is currently polluted with wastewater, and there are other lakes in Bengaluru. Purification plants can be set up near them in partnership with the government and the private sector. By purifying the water and supplying it for building construction and industry activities, the government will not only generate revenue but also conserve drinking water," Mr. Khandre stated.

He requested Mr. Siddaramaiah to convene a meeting of the ministers of Environment, Water Resources, and Minor Irrigation to discuss this issue.

Times of crises

In March this year, at the height of the water crisis, the government of Karnataka had for the first time allowed treated water from localised Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) inside apartment complexes and gated communities to be sold on commercial basis.

On March 22, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) issued an order allowing residential communities to sell 50% of treated STP water they produce on commercial basis.

Activists demand the right to protest beyond Freedom Park

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Horaatada Hakkigagi Janandolana has demanded that the Chief Minister announce the withdrawal of the order restricting protests to Freedom Park by Sunday, celebrated as International Day of Democracy.

At a press conference on Thursday, Maitreyi K., advocate, AILAJ said that their open letter to the CM gathered 565 signatures of concerned citizens and activists. "This is not just about the restriction of protests to Freedom Park, but a series of incidents in which the police have abused their power and shut down any public actions such as pamphleteering, candlelight vigils, or film screenings. We also demand the immediate withdrawal of the FIRs and cases against peaceful protestors and an inquiry into the incidents of police violence," she said.

Historian Ramachandra Guha, Vimala K.S., along with other activists addressing a press conference regarding International Day of Democracy in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Some of the signatories to the open letter are author and historian Ramachandra Guha, renowned Kannada writer Vijayamma, and senior writer and former chairperson of Karnataka Nataka Akademi K. Marulasiddappa.

K.S. Vimala of Janawadi Mahila Sanghatane, said, "Democracy is not just about voting, but it is about fulfilling your fundamental duties and fighting for your constitutional rights. Freedom Park was once a Central Jail. Now they are forcing us to protest there, and are deciding what we can protest about. As an activist who has worked for decades in the women's rights movement, neither my organisation nor I can decide when and where we can protest, but it is the City Police."

Mr. Guha said, "I need not remind you, that our country was founded because of the exercise of the right to protest. Under the pretext of preventing traffic congestion, one cannot violate this fundamental right. Protests have taken place in Town Hall, Maurya Circle, Mysore Bank Circle and Anand Rao circle without disturbing traffic. Now they are forcing us into a corner in 'Unfreedom Park' or 'Freedom-Hidden-Away Park'."

Horaatada Hakkigagi Janandolana comprises labour rights groups, gender rights groups, Dalit groups, student and youth activist organisations, environmental activist groups, human rights and civil liberties organisations, among others. They ran a two week online campaign and an offline campaign to interact with Bengalureans and collect people's signatures for the open letter to the Chief Minister.

BEL bags order worth ₹850 crore

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Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) secured an order worth ₹850 crores from Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) for the supply of indigenous Multi Function Radar in X Band.

BEL said this indigenous radar, designed by DRDO and manufactured by BEL, is capable of detecting, acquiring and tracking airborne targets to provide protection for naval ships.

The PSU said following its last disclosure on August 22, BEL has secured orders valued at ₹305 crore, which include orders for navigational complex systems for ships, thermal imagers, communication equipment, fire control system, gun control system, services, etc.

Chargesheet filed in rave party case

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Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials submitted a chargesheet related to the rave party busted at a farmhouse near Electronics City on May 15.

Among those implicated is actor Hema, also known as Krishnaveni, who is accused of attending the party and consuming drugs The event was held at G.R. Farms in Singena Agrahara and was reportedly organised by Vasu L. as part of his birthday celebration and the first anniversary of his event management firm.

The 1,086-page chargesheet, filed by police inspector Lakshminarayana, details the investigation and includes medical evidence showing Hema tested positive for MDMA consumption.

Hema initially denied her presence at the event, releasing a video claiming she was in Hyderabad. Despite these claims, her medical results confirmed drug consumption, leading to her arrest. She was later granted bail. According to investigators, Hema was invited to the party by Vasu and another individual named Arun, both of who are reportedly her friends.

Meet on media and literature

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The second International Conference on Literature, Society and Global Media, organised by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Jain Deemed-to-be University, supported by the Research Culture Society, will be held on Friday and Saturday. It will bring together scholars, writers, media professionals, and cultural critics to discuss the transformative power of literature and media. The event will be held at the Lalbagh Road campus, from 9.30 a.m.

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Panic in the time of cholera: issues critical to managing a resurgence

Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal disease caused by the ingestion of water or food contaminated with *Vibrio cholerae*. It can cause severe diarrhoea, vomiting, and weakness. People with low immunity, such as malnourished children and people living with HIV/AIDS, are at greater risk of death

Ramya Kannan

The most common pathways of contracting the germs are by eating food cooked by infected people, drinking contaminated water or contact with it. AFP

There is no escaping the damage caused to health by climate change across the globe. But as we talk of innovation and AI-assisted vaccine platforms, there is, on the civic and local side, a stunning lack of attention to very simple issues – clean water, hygiene, and sanitation. The latter was greatly exacerbated again by climate change, resulting not only in mortality but also reduced quality of life. The recent cholera data published by the World Health Organization (WHO) falls into this category of simple issues that don't get the attention they deserve.

Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal disease caused by the ingestion of water or food contaminated with vibrio cholerae. It can cause severe diarrhoea, vomiting, leg cramps, and weakness, and people with low immunity such as malnourished children and people living with HIV/AIDS are at greater risk of death if infected. As a paper in *Nature* points out: "The dynamics of the infection involve multiple interactions between the human host, the pathogen, and the environment, which contribute to both human-to-human, and environment to human transmission pathways. The most common pathways of contracting the germs are by eating food cooked by infected people, drinking contaminated water, and shaking hands with infected people. The main symptom of cholera is severe acute watery diarrhoea that lasts for three to seven days. If treatment is delayed, this can lead to excessive and fast dehydration and possibly death."

The situation is quite dire, if we take Unicef Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban at his word: "2 billion people still lack access to safely managed drinking water, and 3.6 billion people lack access to safely managed sanitation."

According to the data, the number of reported deaths from cholera increased last year by 17% compared to 2022. The number of cases increased by 13%. "Cholera killed 4000 people last year, a disease that is preventable and easily treatable… Preliminary data show that the global cholera crisis continues in to 2024, with 22 countries reporting active outbreaks," said WHO director general Tedros Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

From 1 January to 28 July 2024, a total of 5,052 cholera and AWD cases were reported across four countries in the South-East Asia Region. During this period, cases were reported from India (3,805 cases), Myanmar (1,141 cases), Bangladesh (86 cases), and Nepal (20 cases), as per WHO data. 2,400 deaths have already been reported to WHO across all continents as of 22 August.

Dr. Tedros, in his message, added that conflict, climate change, unsafe water and sanitation, poverty and displacement all contributed to the rise in cholera outbreaks last year. His revelation that the geographical distribution of cholera had also changed significantly, with cases from the Middle East and Asia declining by one-third, and cases from Africa more than doubling, was worrisome, given the existing inequities in access to health care.

Not surprisingly, the global cholera crisis has caused a severe shortage of cholera vaccines. Between 2021 and 2023, more doses were requested for outbreak response than the entire previous decade, the WHO DG said. About 36 million doses were produced last year, only half the amount requested by 14 affected countries. Therefore, since October 2022, the International Coordinating Group, which manages emergency vaccine supplies, has had to suspend the standard two-dose vaccination regimen, adopting a single-dose approach to reach and protect more people with limited supplies. Dr. Tedros also emphasised that there is currently only one manufacturer of cholera vaccines, and urged other manufacturers planning to enter the market to accelerate their efforts and make doses available at affordable rates.

His prime message though was: While vaccination is an important tool, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene remain the only long-term and sustainable solutions to ending cholera outbreaks and preventing future ones.

In an article in *Science*, Kai Kupferschmidt records microbiologist Rita Colwell's long time argument that warmer surface waters can favour the emergence of the bacterium. He argues that whether this actually plays a role in large outbreaks across the world is contested, but another climate link is very clear. The article says: "Floods can aid spread by causing latrines to overflow into water sources, for instance, and droughts

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can boost concentration of the bacterium in shrinking ponds and streams and force people to use unsafe water."

The truth that the data has offered us cannot be ignored: conflict, climate change, limited investment in development and population displacement due to emerging and re-emerging risks are all contributing factors to the rise in the number of cholera outbreaks. Clearly several of the sustainable development goals are not on course, and nowhere near meeting the targets, and access to safe drinking water and sanitation is far from being the fundamental right that the United Nations General Assembly declared it was in 2010.

But meanwhile, there has been some galvanisation globally, to address the challenge. The Global Task Force for Cholera Control (GTFCC) by WHO developed a 'Global Roadmap for Ending Cholera by 2030', emphasising the need for multi-sectoral interventions – from identifying disease transmission and reporting that essential information to government agencies, to sensitising afflicted or vulnerable communities with hygiene reminders and providing sanitation facilities, and facilitating OCV campaigns – in hotspot areas.

In May this year, seven countries and 10 major health partners affiliated with the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC) came together, on the side of the World Health Assembly in a powerful show of multisectoral commitment to end the global cholera emergency. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the WHO – in partnership with the GTFCC – urged immediate collective action with only six years left to meet the GTFCC's 2030 global roadmap goals. The focus was on the critical need for sustainable funding to advance safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, strengthen disease surveillance in cholera hotspots and scale up local oral cholera vaccine manufacturing.

IFRC Secretary General Jagan Chapagain underlined what public health experts have been articulating since the global resurgence of cholera, and the pressure it has placed on health systems, globally: "We cannot accept such a staggering loss of life to a disease that is entirely preventable and treatable with the tools we have in the 21st century. This event serves as a stark reminder that there is much more work to do as we approach 2030. We must urgently refocus our efforts and elevate cholera control to the forefront of global dialogues, while backing it with tangible investments at the grassroot level."

Now everything will hinge on whether investments come through and local governments are convinced to spend on ensuring clean water, hygeine and sanitation. It is also important for these governments to recognise the creeping significance of climate change, and take measures to mitigate and counter the effects.

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Pharmacists prefer selling ORSL because it's twice as expensive as standard ORS. FILE PHOTO

Doctor fights firms peddling 'sugary' ORSL packs as ORS

Siddharth Kumar Singh

Diarrhoea is the third leading cause of childhood mortality in India, accounting for 13% of all deaths among children under five. During episodes of diarrhoea and vomiting, a crucial step is to ensure proper rehydration. With this in mind, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a Reduced Osmolarity Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS), which contains the precise concentrations of sodium, potassium, chloride, citrate, and dextrose needed for the human body to rehydrate effectively. However, when people ask for ORS at pharmacies across the country, they are often given ORSL tetra packs, which are frequently mistaken for the WHO-recommended ORS.

This is where Hyderabad-based paediatrician Sivaranjani Santosh comes in. She has been actively campaigning against the sale of ORSL, which is labelled as an electrolyte drink but is not suitable for rehydration during diarrhoea. "During diarrhoea, high-sugar drinks should be avoided because excess sugar can worsen the condition," explains Dr. Sivaranjani. "When ORSL was introduced, manufacturers met with paediatricians, leading many to believe it was ORS. But in reality, the sugar content in ORSL is as high as in packaged soft/fruit drinks, with only a little extra sodium. We noticed that many children's diarrhoea worsened. When we investigated we realised ORSL is not the same as ORS."

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Once Dr. Sivaranjani identified the problem, she began raising awareness through workshops, social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, and by reaching out to media outlets. In 2023, she took the issue to the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), which referred her to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). In April 2023, FSSAI issued an order to stop the mislabelling of ORSL. However, in July, the order was revised to allow companies with a valid trademark to retain the name ORS, provided they included a disclaimer.

Some manufacturers began adding disclaimers on ORSL tetra packs stating "Do not use during diarrhoea," but these disclaimers are often printed in very small fonts, and easy to overlook. "Pharmacists also prefer selling ORSL because they earn a higher margin, as ORSL is twice as expensive as standard ORS solutions," adds Dr. Sivaranjani.

In 2022, Dr. Sivaranjani filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Telangana High Court, demanding that manufacturers remove the letters 'ORS' from the name ORSL. In response to the PIL, companies introduced the misleading concept of "silent dehydration," a term not found in any medical literature, to promote ORSL.

Dr. Sivaranjani hopes the judiciary will take this matter seriously and has called upon paediatricians, and doctors' associations in India to support the cause.

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Why does drowning not figure as a health crisis in India?

Zubeda Hamid

Two boys drowned in Karaimedu Lake, in Mayiladuthurai, on August 24. PTI

Google "drowning in India," and the search throws up at least four incidents involving multiple deaths in just the past three days: a tourist drowned at a beach in Goa; four girls between 9 and 13 drowned in a pond in Madhya Pradesh; two teenagers drowned in a river, also in Madhya Pradesh; and a 14-year-old boy saved from drowning in a river by a trainee constable in Maharashtra.

Why is it that when at least 38,000 people die of drowning every year in the country – a figure that experts say is a huge underestimate – is the issue of drowning not considered a public health crisis in India? The issue is a global problem, says Lopa Ghosh, senior communications advisor at Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI). Drowning caused over 2.5 million preventable deaths in the last decade globally, with 90% in low and middle income countries, making it the third leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide, and yet, the attention and resources allocated to it are scant.

At a recent workshop for journalists on drowning prevention conducted by GHAI with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies in Bangkok, experts from different countries in Asia highlighted how government and community-led initiatives could make a significant difference.

Safe Spaces

According to the National Crime Records Bureau, in 2022, over 70% of deaths due to drowning in India were due to accidental falls into water bodies. Of these, nearly 3,000 were children below 14, a majority of them male. The data however, says Ms. Ghosh, does not capture the real picture: many deaths go unreported, and flooding deaths, whichare a significant number, are not listed under drowning deaths.

Initiatives such as those begun in Bangladesh that provide safe spaces for children to play in, alongside barricading, signage around water bodies, and swimming lessons for school-age children, are crucial measures that could help decrease drowning deaths, the experts pointed out.

While swimming lessons remain out of reach for most children, one community-led initiative in West Bengal may show the way: a pilot project by the NGO Child in Need Institute, in partnership with global agencies, has introduced pond-based swimming pools in the Sundarbans – the world's biggest delta and a region where drowning claims dozens of children every year. Young children will be taught swimming in a controlled environment in local ponds.

Changing perception

Changing the narrative around drowning is crucial to bring it into the spotlight – just as tobacco and smoking went from being seen as glamorous to toxic, so too should drowning be brought to the forefront, from the small crime reports it is mentioned in now to a large public health crisis that has devastating consequences upon families and the country's economy, said Ms. Ghosh.

However, despite the Union Ministry of Health's December 2023 unveiling of the Strategic Framework for Drowning Prevention and launch of a report on a National Strategy for Prevention of Unintentional Injury last week, experts say India has a way to go.

(The writer was in Bangkok for the workshop at the invitation of GHAI. zubeda.h@thehindu.co.in)

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Siddaramaiah reviews road infrastructure development

He says the city's persistent pothole issue is largely due to frequent installation of underground cables, pipelines

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday reviewed the road infrastructure development and BBMP's pothole-filling work.

It covered key locations, including the BDA flyover construction site near Hebbal and roadworks on the service road near Kariyannapalya on Outer Ring Road. The Chief Minister also visited Hennur Junction to evaluate the metro project plans near K.R. Puram Railway Station, after which he travelled to Vidhana Soudha via metro.

During the review, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the pothole issue is largely due to the frequent installation of underground cables and pipelines. "The installation of Bescom cables, water supply and sewer pipes, GAIL Gas pipelines, high-capacity KPTCL cables, and OFC installations weaken the road surface, leading to potholes," he explained.

In response to the ongoing challenges, the BBMP has established a batch mix plant to produce materials specifically for filling, especially on arterial and sub-arterial roads. For zonal roads, each ward has been allocated ₹15 lakh. The Chief Minister directed BBMP, Bescom, KPTCL, and GAIL officials to coordinate and repair the potholes caused by their excavation works.

Work under way on the new lanes added to the Hebbal flyover from Baptist Hospital to Esteem Mall. K. MURALI KUMAR

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah along with party leaders travelling in a metro to Vidhana Soudha from K.R. Pura station. K. MURALI KUMAR

People waiting at the BMTC bus stand as traffic was halted at K.R. Puram on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

BBMP officials told Mr. Siddaramaiah that 1,376 potholes have already been filled through the use of the Pothole Watch app, with an additional 2,684 in the process of being repaired. The BBMP expects to complete all pothole repairs by September 20.

Additionally, the Chief Minister announced that ₹1,700 crore has been allocated for white-topping projects in the 2023-24 fiscal year. "White-topping will create long-lasting roads with minimal maintenance," he added.

KSEAB announces class 10 SA-1 timetable

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The Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) on Thursday announced the timetable for Summative Assessment-1 (SA - 1) for Class 10 students of the State Board.

The examination will be held from September 24 to October 1.

Language exams
While the language exams will be conducted on the first three days, along with the National Skills Qualifications Framework on September 26, exams for the core subjects will be held between September 27 and 30.

The exam for Junior Technical School subjects will be held on October 1.

First time
It's the first time that KSEAB is conducting SA-1 exams, as they used to be previously conducted at the school level with the papers prepared by teachers.

Confusion
The Hindu had reported on Thursday about the confusion among teachers due to the lack of clarity about the examination schedule and distribution of question papers as formal orders were not given out.

Thursday's circular also stated that the soft copy of question papers will be available in the email accounts of Block Education Officers.

Three students killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
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Their bike rammed a goods lorry from behind. Due to the impact, the trio died on the spot. The lorry driver fled the scene

Three students were killed after a bike on which they were riding back home from a birthday party rammed a goods lorry in the wee hours of Thursday on Airport Road.

The deceased are Rohith, 22, Sujith, 22, and Harsha, 22. They were pursuing a BSc in agriculture at Yelahanka. An FIR has been registered at Chikkajala traffic police station.

According to the police, five students celebrated a birthday party for Sujith near the airport. While two students were riding on another bike, three were riding on the bike involved in the accident.

While they were traveling back home at 1 a.m., the bike rammed a goods lorry from behind. Due to the impact, the trio died on the spot. The lorry driver fled the scene fearing consequences.

BMTC bus runs over bartender
In another incident, a bartender identified as Ravikumar, 38, was killed after a BMTC bus ran over him. He was working in a bar at Whitefield.

On Thursday morning, while crossing the road at Whitefield, the bus ran over him.

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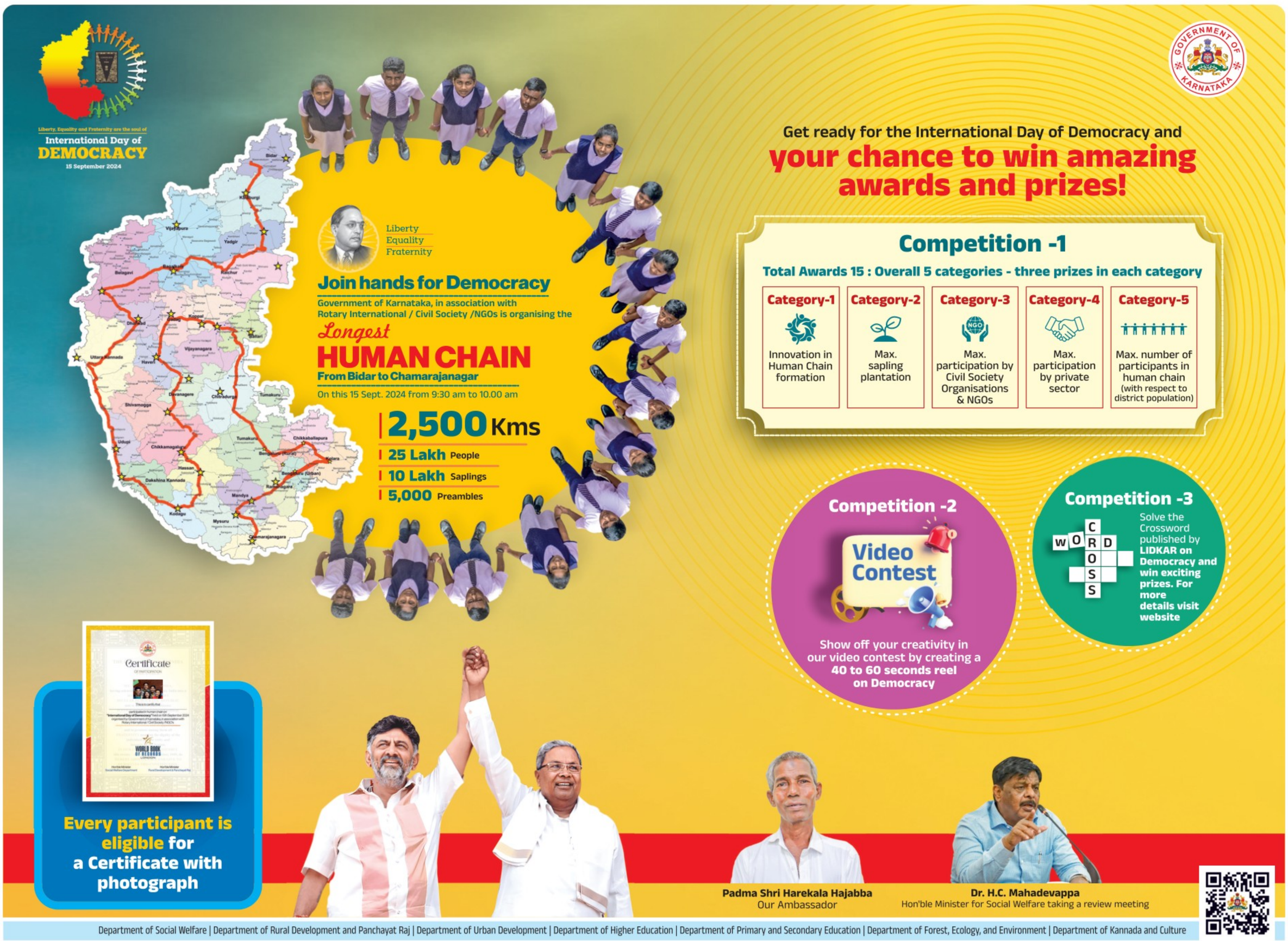
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Number of Palestinians killed in Gaza since October 7

41,118 The toll includes 34 deaths in the previous 24 hours, according to the Health Ministry in Gaza. At least 95,125 people have been wounded in the Gaza Strip. AFP

India's industrial production growth in July

4.8 in per cent. According to data released by the National Statistical Office, the country's industrial output growth slowed down due to poor show by mining and manufacturing sectors. PTI

DNA Wellness' investiture in cervical cancer screening labs

200 in ₹ crore. The company has acquired exclusive rights to conduct the DNA Ploidy Test, a quick, non-invasive method to detect cervical cancer. PTI

Percentage of leased spaces occupied by domestic companies

47 per cent. CBRE's latest report showed that the total office leasing by domestic firms during 2022 to H1 2024 period stood at 72 million square feet across the nine cities. PTI

Death toll in Vietnam due to Typhoon Yagi rises

200 At least 128 people are still missing in the aftermath of the typhoon as flash floods and landslides take their toll. AP

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What does dissolution of SCoS entail?

Why was the SCoS dissolved? What are the main roles of the new Steering Committee? How do the SCoS and the Steering Committee differ? How does the SCoS's dissolution impact statistical data quality? How will the new committee address the data gaps? What issues have arisen from the delay in the census?

EXPLAINER

A. M. Jigeesh

The story so far:
The Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has dissolved the 14-member Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS) headed by eminent economist and former chief statistician of the country Pronab Sen. Geeta Singh Rathore, Director-General of the Ministry's National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), told the SCoS members that its works overlapped with that of the Steering Committee for National Sample Surveys, headed by Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, former director of the Chennai Mathematical Institute and this was cited as the reason for dismantling the SCoS. Dr. Sen has said that the SCoS members had questioned the delay in conducting the census, as censuses have long been a crucial source of reliable data for policymakers. He also complained that the members were not given any specific reason for the committee's dissolution.

What were the key responsibilities of SCoS?
The SCoS advised the Centre on survey methodology, including sampling frames, sampling design, survey instruments, questions, etc. It also played a vital role in finalising the tabulation plan of surveys, reviewing the extant framework, and addressing the issues raised from time to time on the subjects, results, methodology, etc. related to all surveys. The Terms of Reference for the SCoS also included providing guidance for conducting pilot surveys/pre-testing, exploring the availability of administrative statistics relating to surveys/statistics, providing guidance for studying or identifying data gaps, providing additional data requirements, and imparting technical guidance to the Central and State level agencies for conducting surveys.

Urgent need: The 2021 census was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and even after three years, the Centre has not provided a roadmap for the next census. M.A. SRIRAM

What is the role of the new committee?
The Steering Committee, which replaces the SCoS, has 17 members and one non-member secretary. The Centre has retained at least four members from the SCoS in the Steering Committee other than officials such as Ms. Rathore. Sonalde Desai, Bishwanath Goldar, S. Chandrasekhar, and Mausumi Bose are the four experts who are retained. The tenure of the Steering Committee will be for two years. Its Terms of Reference are quite similar to that of SCoS, including reviewing subject results, methodology questionnaires, sampling frames, sampling design, concepts, definitions, survey instruments etc. related to all National Sample Surveys. It will also advise the Ministry on survey methodology and finalise the tabulation plan of surveys.

The mandates of both the committees clash in a way, though the composition of the Steering Committee is different as it has more official members while the SCoS had several non-official members.

Why is there a pressure for a new census?
Serious academicians and policymakers have been demanding the Centre to conduct a census. The Opposition said that the lack of fresh data keeps crores of people away from schemes such as the National Food Security Act. The Opposition has also been questioning the numbers on employment and unemployment. On the periodic labour force surveys too, there were questions. Since the Census is conducted by the Union Home Ministry, the Ministry of Statistics has been telling the SCoS members in its meetings that it has no role in deciding the date of census. Statisticians and academics argue that the census can provide State and sub-district wise data on issues such as education and employment.

What are the flaws in administrative data?
While the Centre has been claiming that data provided by the EPFO, ESIC on its enrolments and Reserve Bank of India's KLEMS (K: Capital, L: Labour, E: Energy, M: Materials and S: Services) database gave a rosy picture about the employment scenario in the country. However, questions have been raised as administration data, especially on labour, is threshold-based. It is alleged that such data was airing the perspectives of policy architects or reflecting the government's intentions.

The chances of manipulating the administration data set were also high as Government agencies generated that data and it is also argued that such data has limitations of analytical rigour.

On the other hand, survey-based data, including the census, has universal coverage without any thresholds, providing a wider and bigger platform. However, surveys such as PLFS could not provide State or district-level data, but the census will be able to provide even sub-district data. PLFS also allegedly had an urban bias.

How urgent is the next census?
The country's decennial census has been conducted every ten years since the 1870s, with the last census in 2011. The 2021 census was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and even after three years, the Centre has not provided a roadmap for the next census. Economists and policymakers argue that relying on 2011 census data for statistical surveys, even after 13 years, will negatively impact decision making. So they suggested that the way forward is to conduct the next census at the earliest.

THE GIST

- The 14-member Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS), led by Pronab Sen, has been dissolved due to overlap with the Steering Committee for National Sample Surveys.
- SCoS advised on survey methodologies, tabulation plans, and addressed issues related to statistical surveys.
- The new 17-member Steering Committee, including four former SCoS members, will perform similar functions but with more official members.
- There is significant pressure to conduct the next census, delayed from 2021 due to COVID-19, to provide updated data for decision-making.
- Economists and policymakers recommend conducting the next census promptly to ensure accurate data for effective decision-making.

What role does CSTT play in standardising technical terms?

What is the 'Shabd' glossary platform? How many terms are available on the portal?

Sreeparna Chakrabarty

The story so far:
In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, to impart education in the Indian languages for an improved understanding and improved teaching-learning outcome, the government has initiated technical education, including engineering and medicine in Indian languages. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has introduced "AICTE Technical Book Writing and Translation" in 12 scheduled Indian languages. The government is also collaborating with technical education departments to distribute one set of books in Indian languages for the libraries of each degree and diploma-level institution. The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) has also launched a website offering technical terms in all 22 official Indian languages for various educational subjects.

What is CSTT?
The CSTT, established on October 1, 1961, focuses on preparing standardised scientific and technical terminology in Indian languages. It regularly publishes a range of bilingual, trilingual, and multilingual glossaries, definitional dictionaries, and monographs, besides publishing quarterly journals named 'Vigyan Garima Sindhu' and 'Gyan Garima Sindhu'. The CSTT also takes up the publication of university-level textbooks through its Granth Academies, textbook boards, and publication cells located in various parts of the country.

It also undertakes the publication of administrative and various departmental glossaries that are widely used by government departments, institutions, research laboratories, autonomous organisations, and public sector units besides organising workshops, seminars, symposiums, conferences, orientation, and training programmes to increase the use and popularise the standard terminology of Hindi and other Indian languages.

What is the name of the new website and how does it operate?
The CSTT glossary search website, "Shabd," is hosted at 'https://shabd.education.gov.in'. "Shabd" is a data server that features all the glossaries of CSTT in digital searchable mode. Other institutions or agencies preparing dictionaries can also host their work in digital form on this platform. The aim is to showcase a central repository for all the terminologies prepared in or for Indian Languages.

The platform allows users to search for scientific and technical terms in Indian languages and provide feedback on existing equivalents prepared by CSTT. The search options include language, subject, dictionary type, and language pairs. It also allows users to search specific glossaries or the entire collection.

What was the process of collating the words?
The CSTT prepares the terminologies through the Expert Advisory Committees consisting of subject and language experts, along with linguists, who are focused on finding out the equivalent terms in the specific subject areas and language. The terminology prepared by CSTT is used by Granth Academies, textbook boards, and publication cells for textbook preparation and is also used by institutions such as NTA, NCERT, NTM, AICTE, and so on. The "Shabd" website contains words taken from various definitional dictionaries, glossaries, and reference materials that have been published by the CSTT over the years.

When was the portal launched and what has been the response so far?
The site first went active in March this year and since then, it has had 1,36,968 hits from across the country and the world.

How many words drawn from how many subjects are available on the portal?
The entire collection which as of now includes about 322 glossaries has about (21,84,050 headwords). This covers disciplines in Humanities, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences, Engineering, Agricultural Sciences, and more than 60 subjects such as Journalism, Public Administration, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Psychology, Physics, Economics, Ayurveda, Mathematics, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Political Science, Agriculture, Culture, Transport, Geology, Capital Market, Cell Biology, Broadcasting, Music and Finearts, CSIT, AIML, Linguistics, Forestry, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Soil Science, Nematology, Sericulture, LIS, and others.

Prof Girish Nath Jha, Chairperson of CSTT, says, "The institution is working hard to enable Indian languages as per the huge mandate given to it by our government and our constitution. We hope to progress faster by using AI and related digital technologies in future".

THE GIST

- The CSTT is responsible for developing standardised scientific and technical terminology in Indian languages.
- The CSTT launched the 'Shabd' platform, a digital glossary search website that hosts all its technical glossaries in a searchable format.
- This platform serves as a central repository for scientific and technical terms in Indian languages, allowing users to search by language, subject, or dictionary type. It aims to make terminologies more accessible and encourages feedback from users to refine translations.

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Cruise on Karnataka's rivers? Tourism Department on board

In a presentation given by the Tourism Department officials, it was stated that Kali river, Sharavathi river, Gurupura river, the Netravati and the Kabini have potential for developing river cruise circuits

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If the Tourism Department has its way, then tourists in Karnataka can go on a cruise along the National Waterways (NW) of five rivers in the State as the department plans to go full throttle on cruise tourism. With a comprehensive plan for development of coastal tourism, an international cruise tourism port is also expected to come up at Someshwara near Mangaluru.

In a presentation given by the Tourism Department officials recently, it was stated that Kali river (NW 52), Sharavathi river (NW 90). Gurupura river (NW 43), Netravati river (NW 74) and Kabini river (NW 51) have potential for developing river cruise circuits. The proposed Sharavathi River Cruise across 29 km of NW 90 will offer a multi-modal ecotourism trip covering old Honnavara port, Sharavathi backwaters, Haigunda islands, Shamshi hanging bridge, Lion Tailed Macaque Eco Park, and Jog Falls.

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However, environmentalists are not very happy with the department's plans.

Akhilesh Chippali, an environmentalist, said, "Why do they want to bring in more people to the Western Ghats and exploit it? Sharavathi is one of the smallest rivers flowing over 132 kilometres. There are already two projects that are in progress there. If they take up one more, no water will be left in the river. However, it is appreciable that they are planning to do this on the NW. They should decommission the Linganamakki reservoir so that natural justice is given to the farmers and fishermen around."

The other planned circuit of Kabini River Cruise across 23 kilometres of NW 51 will start from Kabini dam and go to Beeramballi while showcasing the flora and fauna of Nagarahole and Bandipur National Parks.

"The cruise shall add a new dimension to the Southern Tourism Circuit anchored around Mysuru," the officials said.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will soon be signed by the Tourism Department with the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to start river cruise tourism.

Mangaluru cruise

With growing demand for cruise tourism around Mangaluru, the Karnataka Maritime Board contemplates the development of an international cruise and tourism port at Someshwara, near Mangaluru International Airport. The port will be dedicated to vessels, yachts and tourism activities.

Passenger amenities like a lounge, customs and immigration, baggage handling, transportation services, entertainment, leisure and retail facilities are likely to be included in the project along with a marina and tourist information and business services.

A feasibility report for the whole project is being prepared by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras.

The Tourism Department is planning to develop heli-tourism packages and offshore activities to support the new port.

Anjaneyappa H.N., Dean. College of Fisheries, Mangaluru said that a very detailed study should be taken up to assess the impact that the new port and tourism activities will have on the sea and marine life.

"While development of tourism is a good thing economically, assessing its environmental impact is difficult without a detailed study. Concerns about cleanliness, especially the littering of plastic comes to the fore. When cruise vessels move on water, the pollution aspect of it cannot be denied. Although it will not penetrate too deep, the ecosystem of marines will be disturbed," he explained.

Siddalingeshwara Swamy temple gets mechanical jumbo

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A life-size mechanical elephant was inaugurated at the Siddalingeshwara Swamy Temple in Yediyur, Tumakuru, making it the first Muzrai temple to have the technology.

Named Niranjana, the elephant was presented to the temple by actor Samyukta Hornad and NGOs Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA) and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, in recognition of the temple's decision to never own or hire live elephants.

According to a press release from PETA, Niranjana will be used to conduct ceremonies in a safe and cruelty-free manner, helping real elephants stay healthy.

H.D. Ranganath, Kunigal MLA, All India Mahila Congress general secretary Sowmya Reddy, and Ms. Hornad inaugurated the ceremony.

Niranjana at Siddalingeshwara Swamy temple.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Many elephants held captive in temples and other places suffer from extremely painful foot problems and leg wounds due to being chained and standing on concrete for hours on end. Often, they are denied adequate food, water, veterinary care, and any semblance of a natural life. This often creates intense frustration for the animals, and results in conflicts and loss of lives, said the release.

"These compassionate alternatives will allow endangered elephants to live with their families in the wild and are good for humans, too. This won't take away old cultural traditions - but it will protect elephants from ankuses, which cause pain and misery," Ms. Hornad said.

According to a 2023 study by Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Karnataka has around 30 elephants with temples and mutts. "We are delighted to welcome a mechanical elephant to our temple in honour of all the divine creatures who deserve our compassion and respect and yearn to roam the earth free and secure with their loved ones," said H.S. Mahesh, the temple executive officer.

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RISE	14:32 SET 01:03
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29°C The weather will be slight.warm during the day. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C Mostly dry weather to prevail. Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant.

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Foundation Day celebration

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mount Carmel College, Autonomous, will celebrate its Foundation Day on Friday. As part of the celebrations, the college will host a Foundation Day lecture on the theme "Challenges and accomplishments of Indian Space Mission: Earth to the moon and beyond." Chief guest Ritu Karidhal, Group Director, Mission Planning and Operations Group, others will deliver the lecture. It will be held at 10 a.m.

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Narthana Bharthi, Advocate
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1	Tender No.E1219/OUTSOURCING-DME/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt:12.09.2024- Tender for outsourcing of housekeeping and security services to 123 institutions under DME – Rs.5,725/-	13.09.2024 to 03.10.2024	20.09.2024 11.00 AM	04.10.2024 11.00 AM	04.10.2024 12.00 Noon
2	RC Tender No.E1220/GEN/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2024, dt:12.09.2024- 40 KVA Diesel Generator (4) – Rs.5,725/-	13.09.2024 to 19.09.2024	16.09.2024 11.00 AM	20.09.2024 11.00 AM	20.09.2024 12.00 Noon
3	RC Tender No.E1221/COAG/DME-RC/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt : 12.09.2024 - Ultrasonic Cutting and Coagulation Device and Advanced RF Energy Device with all its Accessories (Type-I) (24) and Ultrasonic Cutting and Coagulation Dissection Device (5) – Rs.5,725/-	19.09.2024 to 07.10.2024	26.09.2024 11.00 AM	08.10.2024 11.00 AM	08.10.2024 12.00 Noon
4	RC Tender No.E1222/ANL/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2024, dt:12.09.2024- Fully automated analyzer (14) – Rs.5,725/-	19.09.2024 to 07.10.2024	26.09.2024 11.30 AM	08.10.2024 11.00 AM	08.10.2024 12.00 Noon
5	Tender No.E1223/USG/KCSSH/RC/TNMSC/ ENGG/2024, dt: 12.09.2024 High End 4D (Live 3D) Echocardiography System (2) – Rs.5,725/-	20.09.2024 to 07.10.2024	27.09.2024 11.00 AM	08.10.2024 11.00 AM	08.10.2024 12.00 Noon

EMD as specified in the tender document :
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT
Directorate of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28. Tel: 044-29864447
Roc.No. 26740/2024/SBM1, Request for Proposals (RFP) Dated :12.09.2024
1. Proposals are invited from the eligible bidders for the 4 works for the Construction of STP under DBOT Basis for 4 Municipalities sanctioned under Swachh Bharat Mission (U) 2.0 in 2024-2025.
2. The details of bid security, eligible criteria of bidders, Concession period etc., can be obtained from web portal: **www.tntenders.gov.in**
3. The tender document shall be downloaded from **26.09.2024** from the portal **www.tntenders.gov.in**
4. E submission through etendering website is only allowed.
5. Pre-bid meeting will be on **10.10.2024** at **11.00 AM** by concerned Municipality
6. The last date for downloading the bid document and uploading / submission of proposals is upto **3.00pm** on **28.10.2024.**
7. The received proposals will be opened at **3.30pm** on **28.10.2024** at the office of concerned Municipality.
8. The value of each work details of Bid security and eligible criteria are given in the work bid document.
DIPR/3690/TENDER/2024 **Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28.**

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE
e-mail:- seec_bls@rediffmail.com
Government of Odisha **"e" Procurement Notice**
Bid Identification No. CCEEC-01/2024-25
No. : 2962 / Dt.: 5/9/24

Nature of work	:- Building Works
Number of works	:- 2 Nos Building Works
Amount put to Tender	:- Rs.120.39 Lakh to 389.87 Lakh
Class of Contractor	:- "B" Class & "A" Class
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal	:- Dt.19.09.2024 at 10.00 AM
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal	:- Dt.03.10.2024 up to 05.00 PM
Date of opening of bid	:- Dt.04.10.2024 at 11.00 AM
Name & address of the Office inviting bid	:- Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore.

The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http//tendersodisha.gov.in"**. All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.
Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore
B-236: OIPR-34026/11/0001/2425

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari
Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123
No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-3/2024-25/2395 Dated : 06-09-2024
Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)
The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka public procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the website https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.
TABLE

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT11482	110.00
2)	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT15021	250.00
3)	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT15301	300.00

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also re-tender, tenderers can view in KP Procurement Portal. No Separate Tender notification will be published in the News paper. in this regard.
1) Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works **11-09-2024 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2) Last dates for queries (through KP-procurement portal **13-09-2024 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3) Last date for submission of tenders through kp-procurement portal **17-09-2024 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids **18-09-2024 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.
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IN THE LIMELIGHT

Shadows to spotlight: Parvathy on the sets of '*Thangalaan*'.

From the margins to the mainstream: how films are elevating marginalised voices

Dalit cinema is emerging as a powerful force, shifting the focus from elite-centric narratives to the stories of marginalised communities; they not only highlight the struggles and aspirations of oppressed groups but also offer mainstream appeal, paving the way for greater inclusivity in Indian cinema

Harish S. Wankhede

The recently released three mainstream films *Thangalaan*, *Vaazhai* (Tamil), and *Veda* (Hindi) are of historic significance. Away from the conventional trends of populist flicks, which often celebrate the cultural and political domination of the social elites, these films revolve around the concerns and dreams of socially marginalised groups. By introducing powerful Dalit protagonists, these films advance a nascent but impressive journey of Dalit cinema, registering a claim for greater democratisation in the Indian film industry.

A visible domination of a peculiar brand of films – often called the 'masala entertainments' – and filmmakers, mainly the rich social elites, have made Indian cinema a sphere that lacks democratic credentials. While entertainment-centric popular cinema is necessary for sustaining the film industry, its core centrality for profit and entertainment has marginalised the ethical concerns around which any art form shall be conceptualised. For example, fame, profits, and privileges are appropriated by the niche social elite junta, making the marginalised social groups a dormant spectators of cinematic magic. Ironically, the scant presence of artists and filmmakers from vulnerable social groups such as Dalits, Adivasis, and Other Backward Castes, is not seen as an unhealthy convention in the film fraternity.

In recent years, the Dalit cinema genre tried to bring some reforms to the conventional routine of popular Indian cinema. The impetus for this change has been driven largely by the regional film industry, especially the Marathi and Tamil cinema, which offers exceptionally brilliant artwork that caters to the interests and concerns of marginalised social groups, and quality entertainment to the general audience. Nagraj Manjule's *Fandry* (2013), *Sairat* (2016), and *Naal* (2018) set impressive examples of films that are both socially sensitive and commercially successful. Later Marathi films like *Uchalya* (2015), *Jayanti* (2021), *Kasturi* (2019), *Zollywood* (2022), *Aatmapamphlet* (2023), etc. kept the momentum on, building a crucial dialogue on cinema's responsibility in offering socially responsible films. However, it is the Tamil filmmakers who have created a strong stir to establish this genre as a significant commercial model.

More possibilities

Pa Ranjith's earlier successful films – *Madras*, *Kala*, and *Kabali* – have advanced the idea of a new Dalit hero. Big film stars like Rajinikanth are roped in to tell stories about the crises in Dalit lives, their resilience, and heroic attributes. This success was further cultivated creatively by brilliant filmmakers, especially Mari Selvaraj (*Karnan* 2021 and *Pariyerum Perumal*, 2018) and Vetrimaaran (*Asuran*, 2019 and *Viduthalai*, 2023), substantiating the arrival of 'Dalit genre' in Indian cinema. By offering nuanced Dalit characters, bestowed with mainstream heroic credentials (like Rajanikant's character in *Kabali*, Dhanush in *Karnan*, and Udhayanidhi in *Maamannan*), it breaks the conventional 'victim' stereotypes attached to the representation of Dalit characters on screen.

The Dalit genre in Tamil and Marathi cinema thus created a strong rupture, influencing the Hindi film industry to take its cognisance. As a response, Bollywood has also supplemented this churning by offering powerful Dalit characters in earlier films like *Masaan* (2015), *Manjhi-the Mountain Man* (2015), and recently *Jhund* (2022), *Shamshera* (2022), *Bheed* (2023), and now *Veda* (2024). Interestingly, while this emerging Dalit genre sensitively showcases the claims and desires of the marginalised communities, these films also ensure quality entertainment with the influx of dance, music, drama, and action sequences.

This genre thus offers a possibility that the Dalit character may also emerge as a 'mainstream hero', their stories can be inspirational tales and the artists belonging to the Dalit-Bahujan strata may gain mainstream fame. The recent success and critical acclaim of *Thangalaan* and *Vaazhai* suggest that this genre is here to stay.

Within the intellectual discussions on Indian cinema, the popular Hindi cinema has not received a respectable appreciation. It is often seen as a profit-seeking industry that creates hyper-sensational fiction to bewitch the audience, taking them away from engaging with crucial social and political concerns.

In the mid-1970s, the few aberrations that offered critical and socially sensitive narratives were marked as alternative genres or the art-house cinema, restricting its celebration within the mainstream cinema culture. There is an apprehension that the recent arrival of a nascent but impressive Dalit cinema can be relegated with similar tags to retain the domination of conventional ideas and identities in the filmmaking enterprise.

Connect, promote

It is an appropriate time for the film fraternity to recognise and collaborate with the outstanding cinematic works of artists and producers from socially marginalised communities, elevating them as an inspiration for the new generation.

New cultural festivals, public institutions, and policy frameworks by the state are required that would promote the culture and talent of diverse social groups that are often marginalised in mainstream discourse on cinema, art, and festivity. It is essential to create new platforms and old institutions of popular culture to improvise in order to connect and promote the producers, artists, and technicians from Dalit, Adivasi, and Other Backward Caste communities.

It is also crucial for more Dalits to join the film industry as producers, technicians, and directors bringing their stories and talents. It is high time that the nascent Dalit genre shall be recognised as part of the reformist cinema track, guided by an inclusivist vision, showcasing that the film industry has a crucial responsibility towards promoting social diversity and the values of social justice.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The British writer Roald Dahl was born on this day in 1916. How well do you know him?

Radhika Santhanam

QUESTION 1
Who was the Norwegian grandmamma in Witches, who Dahl "absolutely adored" and who was "a wonderful story-teller", modelled on?

QUESTION 2
What connects Dr Seuss's *Great Day for Up!*, Slyvia Plath's *The Bed Book*, Joan Aiken's *Arabel's Raven*, and Roald Dahl's *Matilda*?

QUESTION 3
Dahl's first commissioned work was published anonymously and was based on how he crash landed a biplane. What was it called?

QUESTION 4
Dahl adapted six of his stories for a television series. Four of the episodes were directed by a man who once made his own film twice and who filmed a psychological thriller in a series of 10-minute takes to make it look like one shot. Name him.

QUESTION 5
The Royal Mint rejected the idea of a commemorative coin to mark the centenary of Dahl's birth. Why?

Visual Question:
This musical fantasy, for which Dahl wrote the screenplay, is based on a children's novel. Name it.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. These two diacritical marks are mirror images of each other. One is called the ogonek. Name the other one. **Ans: Cedilla**
2. Acute, grave, and caron are three types of diacritical marks belonging to a larger group called. **Ans: Accent**
3. Name the diacritical mark that appears on the first letter of this region's name. **Ans: Overring**
4. The use of this diacritical mark denotes a long vowel in many languages. But in statistics, this symbol over a variable indicates the variable's value is an estimate. **Ans: Circumflex (hat operator)**
5. The country's name includes diacritical marks but the U.N. spells it on occasion without the marks. **Ans: São Tomé and Príncipe**
Visual: There are two countries whose names the U.N. spells with diacritical marks. One is Türkiye. Name the other. **Ans: Côte d'Ivoire**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian Upendran

"Is this the season for flying kites?"

"Not as far as I know. Why do you ask?"

"Well, I was having an argument with my grandfather, and he told me to go fly a kite. I... Why are you laughing?"

"Sorry, I just couldn't help it. Don't you know what the expression 'go fly a kite' means?"

"I've heard my friends say 'let's go fly a kite' whenever they actually wanted to go out and fly a kite."

"But nobody has ordered you to fly a kite in the middle of an argument, right?"

"Right. Whenever we disagree about something, my grandfather usually ends the conversation by telling me to get lost."

"And that's how he ended the conversation this time as well. When somebody tells you to 'go fly a kite' he/she wants you to leave. In other words, you are asked to get lost. It's a colloquial expression used mainly in American English."

"So 'go fly a kite' means 'get lost.' Interesting."

"Tell me, why did your grandfather ask you to get lost?"

"Oh, that! You see, I wanted to be nice to my grandfather. So I called him a 'busybody'."

"You mean busybody. The 's' is pronounced like the 'z' in words like 'zoo' and 'zip'."

"So it's a busybody."

"Yes. I'm sure your grandfather didn't like it when you called him a 'busybody'."

"He didn't like it at all. One thing led to another and we ended up having a big argument."

"But why did you call him a busybody of all things?"

"He always keeps himself busy doing something or the other."

"Is that what you think 'busybody' means, someone who keeps himself busy?"

"Yes. Doesn't it mean that?"

"No, it doesn't. A 'busybody' is someone who keeps interfering in other people's affairs. My neighbour is a busybody, and I can tell you that she is not liked by many people."

"I can well imagine. People don't like those who interfere in their affairs."

"That's true. 'Busybody' is an informal word, and as you said, most people disapprove of busybodies."

"And I thought I was complimenting my grandfather by calling him a 'busybody.' How could I make such a silly mistake!"

"It happens all the time. For example, some people think that a troublemaker and a troubleshooter mean the same thing."

"They do mean the same thing, don't they?"

"No, they don't. A troublemaker is one who makes trouble. A troubleshooter shoots down trouble, removes it. In other words, a troubleshooter solves problems, and a troublemaker creates them."

"Are our politicians troublemakers or troubleshooters?"

"Both actually."

"But there are more troublemakers than troubleshooters, right?"

"That's the case everywhere. It's easy to create problems. But it's not easy to solve them."

"I know. Will you be my troubleshooter?"

"Me? Your troubleshooter? What are you talking about?"

"Will you go to my grandfather and explain to him why I called him a busybody."

"Certainly not. He'll probably tell me to go fly a kite!"

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Word of the day

Confutation:
The speech act of refuting conclusively

Synonyms: rebuttal, disagreement

Usage: *Her argument was a clear confutation of his claims.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/confutationpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kɒnfju'teɪʃən/

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When small towns take flight

With nine airports, Karnataka is ranked third among States in terms of the total number of passengers who travel by air after Delhi and Maharashtra. A contributor to the bulk of it is Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport, but airports in the State's tier-2 and tier-3 cities have evolved in the last few years. **The Hindu** does a status check on them

The licence to operate flights from Shivamogga Airport, issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, will expire on September 23 unless the Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation renews it. Authorities have raised safety concerns, and the renewal of the licence for Karnataka's newest airport – inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 27, 2023 – depends on a meeting on September 18.

With nine airports, Karnataka ranks third in the country in terms of air passengers, after Delhi and Maharashtra. However, the issues at Shivamogga Airport highlight the challenges faced by some regional airports. In July, around 35.5 lakh domestic and international passengers travelled to and from Karnataka, with a total of 24,304 flights.

A significant contributor to this traffic is Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), which handled nearly 33 lakh passengers and 21,465 flights in July. However, airports in the State's tier-2 and tier-3 cities have also grown, offering air travel to residents in the coastal, Malnad, Kittur Karnataka, and Kalyana Karnataka regions.

Some of these airports have benefited from the Union government's UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme aimed at making air travel accessible and affordable for people, with airlines launching services on new, underserved routes. However, other airports face obstacles to their growth.

The Hindu looks at the current status of Karnataka's airports, which are managed by the Airports Authority of India, public-private partnerships, the State government, and private entities.

Mangaluru: International standards

Mangaluru International Airport, managed by Adani Airport Holdings Limited, connects to eight West Asian destinations (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Dammam, Bahrain, Doha, Kuwait, and Jeddah) and six domestic destinations (Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, and Delhi). Daily flight movements range between 40 and 42.

Mangaluru International Airport. H.S. MANJUNATH

Precision approach lights are being installed to improve visibility for pilots. The airport's 2,450-metre runway meets international standards, and it offers basic facilities such as food stalls, prepaid taxis, free Wi-Fi, and separate areas for domestic and international departures. Additional services, like Pranaam, provide dedicated staff to assist passengers.

Ananthesh V. Prabhu, president of the Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Mangaluru, says the business community is generally satisfied with the airport's amenities but would appreciate more food options at the terminal. "We are happy that the airport celebrates major festivals involving passengers and promoting local culture," he says.

Belagavi: Piece of history

Belagavi Airport in Sambra, originally operated by the Royal Air Force in 1942, has historical significance as it was the base for Operation Vijay during the Goa liberation movement. Expanded after land acquisition in 2018, the airport, as of August 1, 2024, connects ten domestic destinations – Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Tirupati, Nagpur, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Surat, Bhuj, Mumbai, and Delhi.

However, frequent fliers are demanding more direct flights to major cities like Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Delhi. They also want protection from rain in the arrival area and parking and pickup services improved so that they are beneficial to passengers rather than contractors.

There are plans to expand the airport by acquiring 60 additional acres of land. Also, Belagavi MP Jagadish Shettar has suggested that it be upgraded to an international one and has called for conducting an assessment survey.

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>
> **SHASHIKANTH PATIL**
> secretary, Kalyana Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Shivamogga Airport. ANI

Shivamogga: The youngest

Shivamogga Airport with a lotus-shaped terminal at Sogane, inaugurated last year, is the first airport in Karnataka operated by the State government. Built on 775 acres at a cost of ₹450 crore, it has a 3.2 km runway capable of handling aircraft ranging from ATR 72 to Airbus A320. The first flight landed on August 31, 2023, and the airport operates services to Bengaluru (daily), Goa, Hyderabad and Tirupathi (Tuesday to Saturday) with an average occupancy of over 50%.

Shivamogga Airport. G.T. SATHISH

However, frequent cancellations due to poor visibility have caused frustration among passengers. Flights have even returned to Bengaluru without landing. Efforts are underway to install night-landing facilities, with the DGCA having approved the necessary Airport Ground Lighting equipment for all-weather operations.

Hubballi: Potential unexplored

Hubballi Airport, the fourth busiest in Karnataka, as per July 2024 data, operates flights to Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Mumbai, and Delhi. At present, the terminal is spread across 3,600 sq.m. and can handle 300 peak-hour passengers.

The Union government in 2023 approved ₹340 crores for expanding the terminal, anticipating increased demand after 2026. The area is proposed to be increased to 15,950 sq.m. with four aerobridges and infrastructure that can handle up to 2,400 passengers at a time.

Hubballi Airport. KIRAN BAKALE

The airport will also have a five-star GRIHA, or Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment, which is an initiative by TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly construction of buildings.

Despite the growth in traffic, local industrialists and businesspeople believe the airport's potential to become an international hub remains untapped. Organisations such as the North Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association and the Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry have urged the government to develop the airport as an international one. They say the 927 acres currently available now at the airport could be better utilised for this purpose rather than spend money on fresh land acquisition.

Mysuru: Expansion hopes

Mysuru Airport underwent an ₹82 crore upgrade in 2010, but its growth has been stunted by its short 1,740-metre runway, which only accommodates small ATR-type aircraft that can carry 60 to 70 passengers on short-haul flights.

Mysuru Airport. M.A. SRIRAM

At its peak, it operated 16 inbound and outbound flights connecting Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mangaluru, Kochi, Chennai, and Hyderabad. However, many services were subsequently withdrawn once the scheme of subsidised flights under UDAN expired.

Currently, the airport operates only two flights, connecting Mysuru to Chennai and Hyderabad, with a daily footfall of 300 to 350 passengers. However, the Airports Authority of India has plans to extend the runway to 2,400 metres, allowing for larger aircraft and longer flights. Mysuru Airport Director J.R Anoop said the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) is expected to hand over 206 acres to AAI for this expansion within six months.

Bidar: Grounded now

Civil aviation from Bidar dates back to 2008-09, with efforts to connect the city to Bengaluru. The State government convinced the Indian Air Force to give one of its runways for flights to Bengaluru. With the introduction of the UDAN, an additional 13.62 acres of land and better infrastructure, Star Air began Bidar-Bengaluru flights in 2020. However, due to low passenger traffic, the services were prematurely discontinued on December 26, 2023.

It was also felt that the options of Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad and Kalaburagi Airport, less than 150 km away, have hit the potential of Bidar. Recently, the Lok Sabha member from Bidar, Sagar Khandre, appealed to the Civil Aviation Ministry to resume flight operations at Bidar.

Vijayanagar: Hampi connect

Jindal Vijayanagar Airport, owned by JSW Steel, is a key entry point for tourists visiting Hampi, 35 km away. Developed in 1997, it mainly served the staff of the steel company until, in 2006, it was opened for commercial operations. It operates Alliance Air flights to Bengaluru and Hyderabad and handled over 43,000 passengers last year.

Kalaburagi: For development

Located 12 km east of Kalaburagi, this airport serves five districts in northern Karnataka: Kalaburagi, Bidar, Vijayapura, Yadgir and Raichur. The State government built the ₹181 crore greenfield airport; the amount excludes the cost of acquiring the 742 acres required for the project.

With flights to Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Tirupati, there were hopes that the airport would spur the development of Kalyana Karnataka. But now there are only two flights to Bengaluru. Local business leaders are pushing for the resumption of flights to major destinations and the introduction of international services, particularly to Gulf countries.

Kalaburagi Airport. ARUN KULKARNI

"Kalaburagi is fast developing as a major trade hub, and connectivity with cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Ahmedabad is the need of the hour. The Union government should resume UDAN to facilitate air connectivity with tier-2 cities," said Shashikanth Patil, secretary of the Kalyana Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In the offing

There are government plans for new airports. The initiative to build one at Ballari began in 2008 when the influence of mining baron G. Janardhana Reddy and his brothers was at its peak. In September of that year, the Karnataka government approved the greenfield project under the PPP model, designating 1,000 acres near the villages of Chaganur and Sirivaram, 12 km northeast of Ballari city.

However, the project initially stalled due to opposition from villagers over the acquisition of their fertile lands. A year later, 900 acres were acquired after farmers relented. Although the foundation stone was laid on August 20, 2010, numerous delays followed, leading the government to cancel its contract with MARG Ltd. in December 2022.

Efforts are also underway to develop a small airport in Raichur. Currently, 382 acres of land are available, with notifications issued to acquire an additional 24 acres.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place during the previous BJP government, but Congress leaders raised concerns over what they called an "unscientific tender process". The project has now gained momentum.

Construction of Hassan Airport is progressing on 536 acres of land at Boovanahalli near Hassan, while the PWD is managing the Vijayapura Airport project. They are being designed to accommodate Airbus A320 and equivalent aircraft. Additionally, an airport is being developed by the Navy in Karwar, with a civilian enclave planned to support Airbus A320 and similar aircraft operations.

(With inputs from Hemanth C.S., Raviprasad Kamila, Rishikesh Bahadur Desai, Girish Pattanashetti, R. Krishnakumar, Sathish G.T., and Kumar Buradikatti)

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Forgotten Foods and Plesantre @ *Prakruti Farms*

Nestled on a sprawling five-acres in Tharalu, off the busy Kanakapura Road, is a tropical seven-layered food forest that has been designed to mimic the natural ecosystems found in tropical regions. Prakruti Farms, run by Raja Varun and Nethra HB, is an organic permaculture farm with fruit-bearing trees, timber species, aromatic plants, flowering species, herbs, medicinal plants, as well as roots and tubers. "A connection with Nature inspired my interest in natural farming and permaculture. Over the past 12 years, I've immersed myself in learning and implementing these practices at Prakruti Farms," says Raja.

The husband-wife duo explain that they adhere to sustainable farming practices. "We create our natural fertilizer, jeevamrut (made using cow dung and urine), enriching the soil and promoting healthy plant growth," says Nethra.

Today, the duo also helms Forgotten Foods and Plesantre, two homegrown brands that retail traditional, nutrient-dense foods and new-age recipes respectively. "Forgotten Foods features traditional recipes made with ancient ingredients, while Plesantre offers contemporary, modern-day recipes. Our product lineup includes millet grains, native rice varieties, specialty flours and more," says Raja.

Upwards of ₹200 on forgottenfoods.shop

PulpyGrainz Foods @ *GG Farms*

After working in the corporate world for 23 years, Guru Prasad called it quits in 2016 and took up his passion for farming full-time. Three years later, he founded Pulpy Grainz, a millet-based food company that retails cookies, pasta, crackers, rusks, and nutri-bars, among other products.

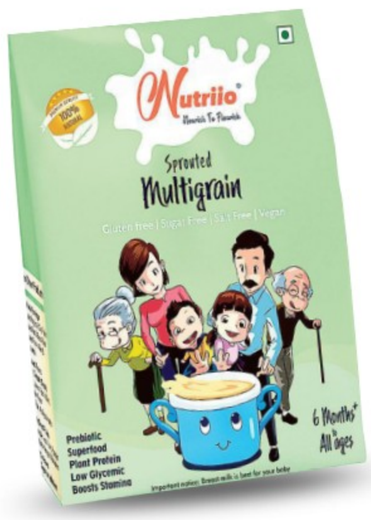
"The property was a rain-fed land when we purchased it in 1982. We planted mango saplings in 1992, and for the past 30-plus years, it was a mono commercial crop (mango)," explains Guru.

He has since diversified the crops to include jackfruit varieties, figs, guava, starfruit, water apple, jamun, and apples. A pulping facility has also been set up on the farm to process raw fruit into pulp, thereby avoiding any wastage from unsold fruits. "This facility prevents farmers from selling their fruit in distress or throwing it on the street because of the low price," says Guru who retails cookies, pastas, etc.

Manufacturing value-added products without preservatives and chemicals is a challenge as, "it takes months to create the right formulation. This creates a big hurdle in stocking with retailers," he says.

Upwards of ₹75. To order, Whatsapp 9353147467, 9845229929

Mangoes, bananas, figs, jackfruits, blackberries, water apples, etc are grown at GG Farms SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Nutriio @ *Bengaluru*

The journey to launch a brand that catered to healthy kitchen staples began when Pavana YJ was looking for natural and preservative-free food to offer her newborn. "My exploration started from my kitchen and the wisdom shared by elders in the family," says Pavana, the brand's founding partner.

Cut to 2020, when she launched Nutriio Products with the support of her husband, N Raja Deepak, and they offer sprouted flours, preservative-free dosa and idly mixes, activated millets, and activated millet flours. "We manufacture all our products using the ancient concepts of sprouting, fermentation, and dehydration combined with science," she adds.

Pavana sources most of the raw materials directly from marginal farmers and farmer producer organisations (FPOs) who follow natural farming methods. Today, their product catalogue boasts of sprouted health mixes such as red and black rice mix, sprouted pearl millet and lotus seeds mix, and sprouted flours such as whole wheat, finger millet, sorghum, red rice, popped finger millet, apart from a ready-to-cook range.

Upwards of ₹65. Details on nutriio.in

Soul food Masala dosa at Hotel Paradise and the famous Mysore pak (below). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

We explore the city's history and food over a one-day trip

A peek into Mysuru's culinary heritage

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Being a Bangalorean, trips to Mysuru have always been for work or for family and friends. Rarely have I seen it as a holiday destination. So, I was excited to see what it had in store for me.

Thanks to the new expressway, we made the drive from Bengaluru to Mysuru in just two hours, reaching Ibis Styles Hotel just in time for the breakfast buffet. Hotel breakfasts are the best part of staying in a hotel. I tucked into fresh fruit, hot pooris, and a piping hot filter coffee before heading up to my suite.

Devaraja Market situated in the centre of town was constructed in 1886 and is said to be named after Dodda Devaraja Wadeyar, the king of Mysore in the late 1600s. My first stop was at the southern corner of the market, at a corner store called Guru Sweet Mart. It may look like any other shop lining the street, but this one has a long history attached to it. The owners of Guru Sweet Mart claim to be the descendants of the inventors of the Mysore pak.

Sweet side story

The story goes that Kakasura Madappa, the head chef of the royal kitchen wanted to present Krishna Raja Wadiyar IV with something unique. So, he experimented with besan, sugar syrup (paak) and ghee to come up with this sweet. The king liked it so much, he gave it the name of the city. I got myself two pieces of the special *ghee* Mysore pak for about ₹50 (No Google Pay here, so carry cash with you). Laden with *ghee*, the squares were decadent and dense.

Right next to the market is the Dufferin Clock Tower or the *chikka gadiyara*. It was commissioned in honour of Lord Dufferin, viceroy of India between 1884 and 1888. You can also stroll through the market and photograph the shops.

The iconic Mysuru Palace is just a short walk away. The original palace, made of wood, in the centre of town was built in the 14th Century. But it was destroyed in a fire. The present palace was built approximately a century ago in the Indo-Saracenic style. On our guided tour inside, I saw many marvels – Raja Ravi Varma paintings, ivory thrones, gifts from other royal families and ornate architecture.

Masala dosa and literary walks

The charming streets of the city are an oasis – old houses and trees flank open roads. On one such nondescript road, lies the beautiful home of author RK Narayan. Free to enter, this tranquil house is now a museum to the writer. His writing room on the first floor is a must visit.

All the walking was making me hungry. Opposite the house, I spotted Hotel Paradise. The hotel is a sprawling old-world establishment owned by the famous Dasaprakash Group. I walked into their restaurant and ordered a classic – Mysore masala dosa. And it was just what I needed. The red chilli paste inside the dosa made it extra spicy. And the potato filling was flavourful.

Getting around the city is easy, autos and Ubers are reliable. The trip may have been short, but it was an ideal weekend getaway.

The writer was at the Ibis Styles Mysuru by invitation from the hotel

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Request for Proposals

e-Tender-cum-e-Reverse Auction No.: **WBSEDCL/PT&P/e-NIT/04/2024**, **Date: 13.09.2024** is invited by the **Chief Engineer (PT&P), WBSEDCL**, Vidyut Bhavan, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091, for purchase of power on Short-Term basis for the period ranging from **01.10.2024** to **31.10.2024**, through Traders/Licensees/Bidders. Interested parties may download the tender documents from the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com** directly with the help of Digital Signature Certificate from **11:00 hrs.** of **13.09.2024** and submit the same on or before **17:00 hrs.** of **18.09.2024.**

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Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
242513 003285	Procurement of 1000 MT ± 5% Office Waste Paper (White Records) in Bale form from Karnataka for TNPL Unit-I at Kagithapuram.	24.09.2024

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions, tender fee, EMD etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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DRUGS CONTROL DEPARTMENT
Office of the Principal, Govt. College of Pharmacy
No.2 P. Kalinga Rao Road, Bengaluru - 560027.
Phone No. : 080-22222681

No. DCD/2024-25/SE0009 **Date : 11/09/2024**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Tender Document System)
Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (e-procurement) only

Tenders are invited by the Member Secretary, Tender Inviting Authority, Govt. College of Pharmacy, Bengaluru - 560027.
Providing House Keeping Services to Government College of Pharmacy, No. 2, P. Kalinga Rao Road, Subbaiah Circle, Bengaluru - 560 027. The Tender document may be downloaded from the website, **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
(1) Events : Last date and time for tender Queries/Clarification, **Date & Timings :** 24/09/2024 11.30 AM, **(2) Last date and Time for Receipt of tenders through e-portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in :** 03/10/2024 17:30hrs (5:30 PM), **(3) Date and time of opening the Technical Bid :** 05/10/2024 11:30 AM, **(4) Date of opening the Financial Bid :** 07/10/2024.
If the tender opening day falls on a Public Holiday, then the tenders will be opened on next working day. Further details can be obtained from the office of the Principal, Government College of Pharmacy, No.: 2. P. Kalinga Rao Road, Bengaluru-560 027.

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Member Secretary,
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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
Joint Director of Agriculture Office,
Ramanagara District, Ramanagara
Phone : 080-2727 6780. E-mail : jdarmgm@gmail.com

No. : J.D.A./R.N./ACT-1/OS/RSK/2024-25 **Date : 06-09-2024**

E-TENDER PUBLICATION

Department of Agriculture, Ramanagara District requires Man Power Services from registered organizations for RSK'S to work as Dasthanu Nirvahakaru. Department invites E-tender in Two Cover System. Interested Organization can participate in E-Tender, respective details of the tender documents are available in E-Tender Procurement Portal **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For any queries please contact **Joint Director of Agriculture Office, Zilla Panchayat Bhavan, Ramanagara.**

Details : 1) Raitha Samparka Kendra Dasthanu Nirvahakaru in Department of Agriculture, Ramanagara District RSK'S. Staff required number : 18.

Tender Amount : 51,61,607/-, EMD Amount : 1,29,040/-.
Tender Submission Period : 1) Last Date for Bid uploading is 20-09-2024 Time 11.00 a.m., 2) Technical Bid Opening and Financial Bid Opening Dates are mentioned in Portal.

Sd/- Joint Director of Agriculture, Ramanagara, District.

DIPR/Ramanagar/315/Manipal/2024-25

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ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ-07/ಎಇ-2/2024-25/1504 ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 11.09.2024

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KARNATAKA STATE AKKAMAHADEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, VIJAYAPUR
No; KSAMUV/ACAD/PGAN/2024-25/1448 Date: 10.09.2024

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University Vijayapura from the eligible female candidates for the admission to the P.G, P.G Diploma, B.P.Ed, Certificate, Value Added Certificate/Diploma/Advance Diploma programmes for the Academic year 2024-25. The eligible female candidates may apply through online UUCMS portal using the link www.uucms.karnataka.gov.in provided in the University website www.kswu.ac.in by paying application fee of Rs:400/- for GM and other categories and Rs:200/- for SC/ST/Cat-I from **11.09.2024 to 20.10.2024.** For more information and update visit Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University website **www.kswu.ac.in** or contact respective P.G. Departments, PG Centres and P.G. Course offered colleges of Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University Vijayapura. **Offline Application will not be entertained.**

Sd/- Registrar,
Karnataka State Akkamahadevi women's University, Vijayapura

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M.P. Madhyam/116370/2024 **(I/C) PROJECT KUSUM-B**

LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION
Lakshadweep Coastal Zone Management Authority
Kavaratti Island-682 555

File No: 14/1/219-S and T (LCZMA) Vol.I Dated: 06.09.2024

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation of Notices dated 06.08.2024 and 14.08.2024 regarding publication of draft IIMP of Kadmat, Suheli and Minicoy Island in public domain. Integrated Island Management Plans (IIMP) of Minicoy Island, as per the provisions of CRZ Notification 2019, is prepared and placed at the following places for inviting suggestions from the public and other stakeholders.
1. Deputy Collector Minicoy
2. Dept. of Science & Technology, Kavaratti
3. Office of the Coastal Zone Management Authority
4. Office of the Pollution Control Committee
5. Administration web-site https://lakshadweep.gov.in

The last date of receiving public comments/suggestions/objections is hereby extended to 06.10.2024. The Public hearing is scheduled as following:
Date, Time & Venue of Public hearing 07.10.2024 10.30 A.M Rangmanch, Minicoy
Public are requested to communicate their comments/suggestions/objections within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice to the below given address or through email to lczmautl@gmail.com and lk-dst@nic.in
"Member Secretary, Lakshadweep Coastal Zone Management Authority U.T of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti- 682555"
Public can also submit their comments/suggestions/objections in writing or orally during public hearing.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP only)

No.KWB/TEC/CE(B)/HSK/UGD-Balance/574/2024-25 Dt: 12.09.2024

Name of the work : "Construction of 1.82 MLD STP with allied works, Providing and laying outfall sewer line, Supply, Erection, Electrification & Commissioning of DG sets, 11 KV express feeder line through Design, Build and Transfer (DBT) Mode under UGD scheme to Hosakote City under UIDST" **Indent No.:KUWSDB/2024-25/WS/ WORK_INDENT256**

For further details may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/1964/AKAR/2024-25 **Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (B), KUWS & D BOARD, Bengaluru**

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXCUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D.DIVISION, TUMKUR

Ref No. 02/2024 – 25 (Turnkey Basis) TWO STAGE TENDER) 'KPPP' PORTAL DT: 26.08.2024
CORRIGUNDUM NO – 02 / 2024 – 25 DATE: 04.09.2024

POSTPONED PRE – QUALIFICATION SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Dated: 04.09.2024

On behalf of the Hon'le Governor of Karnataka , as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, in Turnkey Basis under 'KPPP' – Portal tenders are invited for the below works mentioned under H/A 4702 – 00-101-3-01-139 Lift irrigation Scheme , from the eligible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD/CPWD/MES / any other government organization / joint Venture is allowed. The Postponed Short Term Tender publishing details are as given below.
1. Tender will be published through KPPP Portal on : **Dated : 12.09.2024**
2. Pre bid meeting will be conducted on Office of the Superindent Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Circle, Bangalore on dated : **21-09-2024 at 11.00 Hours**.
3. Last date of queries on **Dated : 21-09-2024 at 16.00 Hours**
4. Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through KPPP portal may be uploaded before **16.00 Hours on Dated : 01-10-2024**
5. Technical Bid will be opened on Dated : **03-10-2024 at 16.05** Hours.

For further details , visit KPPP Portal website https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ or from the office undersigned , on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same e time and venue will be considered

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE III ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURTS AT: HYDERABAD
I.A.No. 1259 OF 2024 IN O.S.No. 30 OF 2016
Between: Dr.T. Ramachandra Rao ...Petitioner/Plaintiff
And
M/s Unitech Real Estate Builders Ltd & Others ...Respondents/Defendants
To, (Respondent No. 40/Defendant No. 40 & Respondent No. 42 / Defendant No. 42)
40. Smt. Sunitha W/o. Sri. Chaman Lal Jain,Aged about 41 years, Occupation: House Wife, R/o. 304/15, 10th Cross, Wilson Gardens Bangalore.
42. Sri. Chmanlal Jain S/o. Late Sri. Doulat Raj Jain Aged Major, Occupation: Business, R/o. 304/15, 10th Cross, Wilson Gardens, Bangalore
Take notice that the above named Petitioner filed above application U/o 6 Rule 17 R/W Section 151 of C.P.C.R/w Rule 28 of C.R.P. to the above Court seeking amendments to the plaint in the above suit. You are hereby wanted to appear in above court in person or through Advocate duly instructed on this the **27th day of September 2024 at 10-30 A.M.** to show cause against the application failing which the said application will be heard and will be decided on merits.
By the order of the court
B. Sheshu Kumar,
Advocate O/o. 3-3-991/1, Kutbiguda, Hyderabad, Ph.No. 9000011282
counsel for the Plaintiff

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mr. S Mohamed Yunus Sheik, R/a No. A 4 Chartered Alcove Apt, No.8, Albert Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025 hereby state that my minor Daughter, Anum Fathima Sheik DOB is wrongly mentioned as 20.04.2008 in her educational records, but her correct DOB as per birth certificate having Registration No JAY/B/2008/00316/005826 is 20.11.2008 vide affidavit dt: 12.09.2024 sworn before Notary Bhagya Kumari N, B'lore

EDUCATIONAL
VACANCIES

WANTED FACULTY & MENTOR For UPSC CIVILS
To teach UPSC Civils Subjects for Degree Students
Subjects: All Civils Subjects
Experience: 3+ Years
Location : Bengaluru
Medium : English only
For MENTOR
Eligibility : Cleared Prelims atleast 2 times or attended personality Test atleast once
PAY SCALE: MORE THAN THE MARKET STANDARDS
If Interested, can share resume either via Whatsapp
9515290460
or mail :
mailmeresume24@gmail.com

TENDERS

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
Materials Management Division

e-Auction is invited for the disposal of M.S. Scrap materials in "as is where is" condition. e-Auction will be conducted by M/s. MSTC Ltd.

For further details/corrigendum, if any, visit
www.mstcecommerce.com
www.chennaiport.gov.in
Chief Mechanical Engineer

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED -E-Tender Notice
O/o the Chief Engineer, Transmission(North) Kozhikode
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_690716_1, PAC: Rs. 4,84,75,700/-, Last Date-: 27.09.2024, 03.00 pm
O/o the Chief Engineer, (P & SCM), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_690322_1, PAC: Rs. 1,48,57,038/-, Last Date-: 30.09.2024, 03.00 pm
Tender ID: GEM/2024/B/5358118, dated 06/09/2024, PAC: Rs. 3,25,92,000/-, Last Date-: 07.10.2024, 05.00 pm
O/o the Chief Engineer, (IT CR & CAPs), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_690574_1, PAC: Rs. 14 Crore, Last Date-: 09.10.2024, 05.00 pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_690708_1 Last Date-: 21.10.2024, 05.00 pm
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in www.kseb.in
PR/MC1/E516/ E-Tender /2024

THE NATIONAL SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corporate Identification No. U74140DL1955GOI002481
Advt. No. SIC/09/2024

The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (The premier Mini-Ratna Government of India Enterprise under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) invites applications from Professionals with suitable domain expertise to be engaged as Expert in various fields on contract basis in the Corporation and/or its subsidiaries.

For detailed Job Description, Terms & Conditions and Application Form, please visit Career Section of NSIC website **www.nsic.co.in.** Any correction/corrigendum in respect of this advertisement shall be uploaded only over the website. The last date of receiving the applications is 30.09.2024(latest by 6.00 pm).

LOST DOCUMENTS

My client, **Syed Sadaqath Pasha,** S/o Syed Wazeer, residing at No. 34, Last Cross, Umar Bagh Layout, near Taqwa Masque, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore South, Karnataka– 560 078, would like to inform you regarding the missing documents of my father's house site:
The original documents, including the Sale Deed, Encumbrance Certificate, Assessment, Map (Plan), and Tax Paid Receipt, confirm that my father purchased the property on 25-01-1993 from Sri T. Krishna Reddy, residing at No. 178, Sarakki Village, J.P. Nagar Post, Bangalore. The property was registered at the Kengeri Sub-Registrar Office in Book-I, Volume No. 647, Page Nos. 203 to 206, dated 25-01-1993. The property measures 44 feet East to West and 30 feet North to South, bearing Property No. 25, Gramatana Khatha No. 59, and Assessment No. 59, situated at Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.
These documents are currently **missing,** and my father lodged a complaint at the Kalasipalya Police Station on 18-02-1998. Later, my father gifted the property to me on 25-02-2015, vide Registered Gift Deed No. BSK-1-14182-2014-15, recorded in C.D. No. BSKD301 before the Banashankari (Basavanagudi) Sub-Registrar, Bangalore.
If found, please contact
JB LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 33, 1st Floor, Beerappa Building, Near Medplus, Konanakunte, Anjanapura Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 062
Phone: 7892 237 35
Email: jblawassociates12@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that Sri. Shridhar Shetty S/o Sri. P. Rajeeva Shetty, residing at No.53, Geethanjali, Avildas Layout, 1st cross road, Nagarabhavi main road, Vijayanagar- 560040, is the absolute owner and in possession of the schedule property.
Whereas my Client has agreed to purchase the 'Schedule Property, and as a matter of caution, this paper publication is issued, werein any Person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, Financial institution/s, Banks, Judicial authorities asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof through the said document or in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule Property or any documents thereof or lost document if found, should write or contact me within 10 days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, my Client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Land bearing Sy no. 70/25 (Old No. 70/2), situated at Kodagi bommanahalli Village, Thyamagondalu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district, measuring 29 guntas and bounded on:
East by: Lake yard, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Land in Sy No. 68/6, **South by:** Land in Sy No. 70/15 and 70/16.
Land bearing Sy no. 68/6, situated at Kodagi bommanahalli Village, Thyamagondalu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district, measuring 1 acre 8 guntas and bounded on:
East by: Lake yard, **West by:** Road, **North by :** Land belonging to Sri. Shankara Murthy and Sri. Lokesh, **South by :** Land in Sy No. 70/25.
Date : 12.09.2024
Place: Bengaluru
For NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate
office at #62, 5t Main, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar Main Road, Bangalore-560094.
Branch office at 7th Floor, High Point IV, Palace Road, Bangalore, Mob: 9886755278.

IN THE COURT OF THE XI CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC. NO. 263 OF 2024 (CCH-8)
BETWEEN: 1) H.V. GOWTHAMA Son of Late H.V. Chellam, Aged about 77 years, No. 23/57, 41st cross, East End C Main, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 069
2) MIMI PARTHA SARATHY, Daughter of late Sri M.A. Partha Sarathy Aged about 56 years 'Srinivasam', No. 20, 9th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003. ...PETITIONERS
AND : 1) M.A. SREENIVASAN, Son of late Sri M.A. Partha Sarathy Aged about 60 years Residing at 'Hamsini', No.1, 12th Cross, RMV Extension, Bangalore-560080.
2) SRIVALLI Daughter of M.A. Sreenivasan Aged about 31 years, Residing at: 'Hamsini', No.1, 12th Cross, RMV Extension, Bangalore-560 080.
Also at No.137 Chamiers Road, Chennai - 600028. ...RESPONDENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS the Petitioners above named have made an application under Sections 222 & 276, Chapter IV of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 read with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Probate and Administration Matters, 1964 for grant of Probate of the last Will and Testament dated 12.05.2022 executed by Late Smt. M.A. Vedavalli, w/o Late Sri. M.A. Partha Sarathy, who died in Bangalore City on 11.02.2024. Be it known that no Caveat has been lodged and the aforesaid petition is posted for hearing on **28.09.2024 at 11:00 a.m.** Any person/s having objection to the grant of Probate may appear on the given date and raise their objections failing which the matter will proceed in accordance with law.
SCHEDULE
Item I : "Hamsini Portion 2": portion of immovable property at 'Hamsini', 12th Cross, Rajmahal Vilas, Bengaluru-560 080 bearing PID No 99-41-1.
Item II : All sums including all proceeds under all Fixed Deposits, Bonds or other Securities or investments.
Item III: Various shares and other investments in the demat account maintained with Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. under Client ID No. 1210900003662325 (IWAPS1217)
Item IV : Several pieces of valuable jewelry.
Item V : Shares in Agromore Ltd
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 10th day of September 2024.
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioners
CrestLaw Partners,
Advocates,
No. 33, I Cross, Victoria Road, Xavier's Layout Bangalore-560 047

ICAR - CENTRAL TOBACCO RESEARCH INSTITUTE
RAJAHMUNDRY - 533 105, A.P., INDIA
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No.F.1(1)(JRF/Y.P-II/YP-I-Projects)/2024-25/Adm.I Dt : 12.09.2024

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Applications are invited for the postions of **Junior Research Fellow, Young Professionals-II and I' at ICAR-CTRI,** Rajahmundry & its Research Station, Hunsur on contractual & co-terminus basis. For detailed notification please visit our ICAR-CTRI **website https://ctri.icar.gov.in. The Last Date for receiving of applications is 27th September, 2024.**

(V.BHAGYA LAKSHMI)
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Phone No. 01881-275289) E-mail : se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in

E-Tender Enquiry. No. 563/P-2/EMPW-12805 Dated: 05.09.2024
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Purchase Cell-2) GGSSTP, Rupnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_126920_1 for Preventive/Breakdown maintenance of complete lighting equipment and cables at Main Plant, Micro Hydel Project and all the colonies (including 415V LD System) at GGSSTP, Rupnagar.
For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 09.09.24 onwards.
Note: - Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
RTP - 110/24 **76155/12/3436/2023/37620**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-21/426/2024-25 **Date: 12.09.2024**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:
Name of the Work : Providing and supplying water supply to Devanahalli General Industrial Area from existing Borewell to GLSR in Bengaluru Rural District.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **30.09.2024** upto **4.30 pm.**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/1976/Zen/2024-25 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Only through KPP portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered agencies for the following works

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.) / EMD Amount(Rs.)		Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date and time for opening of tender
1	(South-West)-1	BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/2038/ 2024-25 Dated: 10.09.2024	1	Rs. 41,86,487/- Rs. 83,730/-	23.09.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs.	25.09.2024 after 15:00 Hrs.
2			2	Rs. 19,68,571/- Rs. 49,220/-		
3			3	Rs. 18,18,101/- Rs. 45,460/-		
4		BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/2038/ 2024-25 Dated: 10.09.2024 **(Reserved for SC Category)**	4	Rs. 18,12,025/- Rs. 22,700/-		
5		BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/2038/ 2024-25 Dated: 10.09.2024	5	Rs. 17,12,276/- Rs. 42,810/-		
6			6	Rs. 23,42,052/- Rs. 50,000/-		
7			7	Rs. 23,49,727/- Rs. 50,000/-		
8			8	Rs. 36,10,297/- Rs. 72,210/-		
9			9	Rs. 30,57,247/- Rs. 61,150/-		
10			10	Rs. 32,24,079/- Rs. 64,500/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West)-1

Office of the Chief Engineer (Project)-3, 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

11	(Project-3)	BWSSB/EE(Project-3)/PB/614/ 2024-25 Dated: 09.09.2024	Rs. 84.72 Lakh Rs. 1,69,500/-	18.09.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs.	20.09.2024 at 12:00 PM.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Project-3)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/KAVITA/1950/2023-24

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through KPP-Portal) - 2nd Call

BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Name of the work	Amount put to tender EMD
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(E)/ACE(E)-I/DCE(M)-I/TA(E)/3832/2024-25	**Date: 11-09-2024**
1) Providing and laying of 450 mm dia MS, 300mm dia DI water supply line at Nagawara main road form ORR to Shampur road junction pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 Sub-division.	Rs.296.03 Lakhs Rs.5.24 Lakhs
2) Providing and laying of 450 mm dia MS, 300, 200, 100mm dia water supply line from Nehru Road to Kullappa circle pertaining to Banasawadi service station & Estimate for the work of replacement of CI pipelines by DI pipelines of 150mm and 100mm dia water supply line from Hennur Junction ORR to Lingarajapuram flyover coming under AEE(E)-2-2 Sub-division.	Rs.297.60 Lakhs Rs.5.26 Lakhs
3) Providing and laying of 450 mm MS, 200mm dia DI & 100mm dia water supply line pertaining to Nehru Road Hennur Road to Kullappa Circle of AEE(E)-2-1 Sub-division.	Rs.321.57 Lakhs Rs.5.69 Lakhs
4) Providing and laying of 200 mm dia, 150mm dia DI and 100mm dia DI water supply line at Hennur 80ft main road from Hennur junction ORR to Lingarajapuram flyover and Kammanahalli road: IOC flyover to ORR pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 Sub-division.	Rs.320.5 Lakhs Rs.5.67 Lakhs
5) Providing and laying of 450 mm dia MS, 200mm and 100mm dia DI water supply line pertaining to IOC flyover are pertaining to Banasawadi & Lingarajapuram Service Station of AEE(E)-2-2 Sub-division.	Rs.344.17 Lakhs Rs.6.09 Lakhs
For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **30.09.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.** The tenders will be opened on **01.10.2024 after 16:00 hrs.**	
Sd/- Chief Engineer (East)	
The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during the working hours.	DIPR/CP/BCPL/1968/2024-25

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

All INDIA PENSION ADALAT - 2024

South Western Railway will be holding **All India Pension Adalat - 2024** simultaneously at the offices of Headquarters, Divisions, Workshops & Bengaluru Construction on **Monday, 16th December 2024,** pertaining to grievances of Retired Employees / Dependants of deceased employees in respect of Pension, Settlement dues & Medical Allowance.

Last date for receipt of Applications for the Adalat will be 02.11.2024. It may be noted that the grievances received after the closure date i.e.; 02.11.2024, may not be possible to deal in the All India Pension Adalat - 2024.

For details log on: **www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in**

Principal Chief Personnel Officer/South Western Railway, Hubballi

PUB/414/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 43/2024 Dated: 09.09.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items:

Tender No.	Description in Brief
L8246390	Supply of Relay Testing Kit suitable for testing of Over Current Relays (Directional/Non-Directional), Frequency Relays, (over, under & Df/Dt), Power Relays, Voltage Relays (Over, under & over fluxing), Distance Relays, Differential Relays, Wrong Phase Coupling, Single Phase Relays (Transformer, Motor, Generator, Line, Bus Bar), Auto-reclose Relays, High Impedance Earth-fault (relays, for, earth fault relay, Single Phase Relay suitable for testing of Numerical Relay / Microprocessor / Static Type of AC Traction as specification enclosed. **(Qty.: 4 Nos.)**

Last date for Submission/Tender Due on: **Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 04.10.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/415/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Bengaluru**

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

Kalyan Singh Super Speciality Cancer Institute

C.G. City, Sultanpur Road, Lucknow-226002

Website: https://cancerinstitute.edu.in, Email: procurement.ksssci@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

On-line offers are invited through GeM Bidding/Bidding From Manufacturer/Direct Importers/Authorized distributors/Dealers/Accredited Agents for the supply and installation of equipments for various departments of the institute, such as **Mobile C-Arm System with Flat Panel Detector, Refrigerated Centrifuge for Blood Bags, Digital PET-CT Scanner, Digital Mammography Machine, and Digital Radiography System with Dual Flat Panel Detector.**

The vendors are required to submit their offers on GeM portal only in two bid system i.e. Technical and Financial Bid as per terms and conditions of bid document.

For detailed information like Name of Equipment, Date of Submission and opening of bid etc. You may please visit the Gem portal. The list of equipment will also be available on our website- **https://cancerinstitute.edu.in** for reference only. The offer will be accepted On-line only on GeM portal with terms and conditions as mentioned against each bid.

The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in part or full without assigning any reason thereof. In case any legal dispute; the legal jurisdiction shall be court of law at Lucknow (UP), India.

Advt No:- KSSSCI / PRO-05/2024-25 **Director**

Jharkhand Public Service Commission, Circular Road, Ranchi

Press Release

Important notice regarding recruitment examination for the post of Food Analyst under the Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand

Advertisement No.- 07/2022 was earlier published on the basis of requisition received for the post of Food Analyst under the Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand. Due to inadequate availability of candidates meeting the prescribed standards against the published advertisement, the said advertisement is declared cancelled and fresh advertisement with Readvertisement no.- 05/2024 has been published on the Commission's website www.jpsc.gov.in for inviting online applications in the prescribed format from willing and eligible Indian nationals.

2. Important dates and other directions regarding filling up of online application form are as follows:-

(i)	Date of commencement of filling up of online application form	Date-15.09.2024 Time- 05:00PM
(ii)	Date of closure of filling up of online application form	Date-15.10.2024 Time- 05:00PM
(iii)	Last date for payment of examination fees	Date-17.10.2024 Time- 05:00PM
(iv)	Last date for submission of hard copy	Date-28.10.2024 Time- 05:00PM

3. Candidates are advised to carefully go through the detailed advertisement and important instructions regarding filling up of online application published on the Commission's website before beginning to fill up online application.
4. Candidates may contact the Commission office through Helpline Nos.-+919431301636 and +919431301419 on working days between 10:00 AM and 05:00PM regarding any information pertaining to the advertisement.
5. This press release is also available on the Commission's website www.jpsc.gov.in

Sd/- Controller of Examination,
Jharkhand Public Service Commission

PR.NO.335637 Jharkhand Public Service Commission(24-25):D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/BOKARO/39/2024-25

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	बोकारो जिला अंतर्गत चास में स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्पलेक्स निर्माण।	93197000.00	1864000.00	10000.00	24 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 19.09.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 19.09.2024 से दिनांक 26.09.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 28.09.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 06542 291060 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो

PR 335505 Rural Development(24-25)#D

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e-mail: assamdipr@gmail.com

No:E.320678/410

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

For Empanelment of Production Houses/ Agencies for production of Audio-Video Content for DIPR, Govt of Assam

The Director, Information and Public Relations, Assam, invites Requests For Proposals (RFPs) through two-bid system from reputed AV Production Houses / Registered Firms/ Agencies/ Companies to produce AV content for wide publicity of Government schemes and policies, for the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Assam. The empanelment of firms will be for two years from the date of approval.

An intending bidder must have the valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-III for processing this e-Tender through the e-Procurement Portal, www.assamtenders.gov.in(,) and has to register in the portal. The bidding documents can be downloaded from www.assamtenders.gov.in(,) and the bids will have to be submitted online as per the **Critical Date Sheet.**

A. CRITICAL DATE SHEET

Sl.	Schedule	Start date	Start time	End date	End time
1	Publication of Tender	**13-09-2024**	**05:00 pm**	**N/A**	**N/A**
2	Tender Download	**14-09-2024**	**11.00 am**		
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	**17-09-2024**	**12 noon**		
4	Bid Upload	**19-09-2024**	**11.00 am**	**25-09-2024**	**11.00 am**
5	Last date for withdrawal of bid			**24-09-2024**	**05:00 pm**
6	Bid opening (Technical)	**25-09-2024**	**12.00 noon**		
7	Multi Media Presentation	**25-09-2024 (Wednesday) at 1 PM** at the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati-6			
8	Bid opening (Commercial)	Will be intimated in due course			
9	Place of bid opening	Office of the Director of Information & Public Relations, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 / e-Procurement Cell, Guwahati			

B. If there is a Government holiday on the day of opening of technical bid/financial bid, it will be opened on the next working day.

C. The authority reserves the right to change any of the schedules, indicated in the **Critical Date Sheet.** The Department will not be liable for any delay in submission of the bids and system errors (if any).

Director
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CORRIGENDUM

ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–**MID/CHAIBASA/SBD-01/2024-25(DMFT)** जिसका **PR-No- 334023 West Singhbhum (24-25)_D** के माध्यम से प्रकाशित की गई थी जिसका ग्रुप संख्या–1 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द करते हुए पुनः **Same Tender Reference Number** पर निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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My Client **Mrs. VANDANA R. JOSHI W/o. Mr.Ratnakar C. Joshi** Aged about 62 years R/at No.12123 **"SOBHA ELITE"** Apartments, Nagasandra, Tumkur Road Bangalore-560073. do hereby inform to the General Public that, She has misplaced/lost the Registered Sale deed dated 17.03.2004 executed by **Mr. K. Anil Kumar and Mrs. C. Anitha** in favour of **Mr. Balaji Gopalan** registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Krishnarajapura Bangalore registered as Document No. KRI-1-27321/2003-04 and also sale agreement and construction agreement dated 13.02.2004 in resepct of property bearing Flat No. 401 in the third Floor of the apartment building known as "SAI SMARAN" measuring 1310 Sq. feet of Super built up area along with one covered car parking Space and undivided land share measuring 313 Sq. feet in the property bearing site No. 19 and 20 situated at Kaggadaspura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East taluk, Bangalore At Near her residence place "SOBHA ELITE" Apartments, Nagasandra, Bangalore on 05.09.2024 and she has given police complaint to Bengaluru City Police on 12.09.2024 **Lost Report No. 1236494/2024 and 1236544/2024,** If any person/s, firm, Company, Institution or Organization has any claim are holding the afore said mentioned document/s or any objection they may contact to undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that, there are no claims or objections from any one.

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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE LXXIII CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU

IN

O.S. No. 25402/2024

Between : Canara Bank ...Plaintiff
AND : Miss. Dhanalakshmi .A & Another ...Defendants

SUIT SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS Nos. 1 & 2, U/O 5 Rule 20 of CPC

To: **Miss. Dhanalakshmi. A.,** D/o. Mr. Ashok Kumar. K., R/a. No. 48, Kadiranapalya, Indiranagar Post, Bengaluru-560038.

...Defendant No. 1

Mr. Ashok Kumar .K, R/a. No. 48, Kadiranapalya, Indiranagar Post, Bengaluru-560038.

...Defendant No. 2

Whereas the above-named Plaintiff, has filed the above suit Under filed under order vii rule 1 read with section 151 of code of civil procedure, 1908 seeking recovery of money against the Defendants and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before the LXXIII Additional City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru in CCH-74.

Take notice that in default of your appearance, **On the 22.10.2024 at 11.00. A.M.** the suit will be heard and determined in your absence placing you as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this 24th day of August 2024.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff : **Kaushik. L,** Advocate No. 717, 6th Main, BDA, 2nd Stage, 3rd Phase, Domlur, Bengaluru-560071.

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Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein from the share of the Developers namely Mr K. Mahendra Naidu, Mr. Kiran Kumar B.R, Mr V. Nataraja and Kumari. Dineesha K who acquired title to the Schedule Property in terms of a Joint Development Agreement dated 30/09/2022 registered as Document No. 5371/2022-23 in Book-I and General Power of Attorney of even date registered as Document No.747/2022-23 in Book-IV and stored in CD No. JAYD1338 in the Office of Sub-Registrar Jayanagar, Bangalore. Any person or persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, title, interest or ownership or any other right or claim in the Schedule Property shall lodge his/her/their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Fifteen days** from the date of this publication. Any objections and/or claims and/or response received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

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52 held after clashes during procession in Nagamangala

The police intervened and tried to goad the procession to move on but both the groups were by then engaged in sloganeering.

Sensing that the situation could go out of control, the police resorted to lathi-charge. In the melee, there was stone-pelting and the mob went berserk torching shops and vehicles.

According to Mandya district administration, 20 shops and eight vehicles were torched by the mob.

Dr. Kumar said that the violence was confined to a part of the town and didn't spread. Senior police officials, including Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi, are monitoring the situation.

Meanwhile, Mandya district in charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy said he was constantly in touch with the local police to help defuse the situation.

He said he had already apprised Home Minister G. Parameshwara about the developments and stressed the need to maintain peace and amity. The Minister said he would convene a peace meeting to bring the situation to normalcy.

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is also MP for Mandya, took to X and accused the local police of failing to ensure protection to the people; he alleged that the situation was a fallout of the "appeasement policy" of the Congress. Mr. Kumaraswamy is slated to visit Mandya on Friday.

Competitive sloganeering whipped up frenzy before violence erupted: FIR

People in the procession in Nagamangala town raised slogans in front of a mosque for sometime, which was then met with counter-sloganeering

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The First Information Report (FIR) filed by the Nagamangala Town police indicates that religious slogans whipped up the frenzy on both the sides, culminating in violence during Ganesha idol immersion procession on Wednesday night.

Tracing the sequence of events that culminated in the violence, the FIR mentions that the youth of Badrikoppalu village near Nagamangala town, and belonging to Gajapade Yuvaka Sangha, took out a procession at 1.30 p.m. and the immersion was to take place at Hamparasakola.

Destruction: The charred remains of goods at a market following clashes between two groups during a Ganesha idol procession on Wednesday, and (right) police officials during an inspection of the affected site, at Nagamangala in Mandya district. PTI

Procession route

The procession went through Kotebetta Road, T.B. Circle, Mariyappa Circle, Mandya Circle, and approached Mysuru Road near which there is a mosque. The procession took a U-turn near the mosque and about 100 to 150 members burst crackers, danced, and raised 'Jai Sriram' slogans for 10 minutes. Though the police directed the youth to move on, they refused.

Soon, about 100 to 150 members belonging to the minority community also assembled at the spot and chanted 'Allahu Akbar' and this competitive sloganeering went on for sometime.

The FIR states that B.G. Ravi, sub-inspector of police, and other personnel intervened and tried to pacify both groups in a bid to prevent the situation from turning ugly. But in the melee, some members of both groups were engaged in skirmishes, resulting in stone pelting. At this juncture, the police resorted to lathi-charge to quell the mob and force the procession to move on.

Brandishing weapons

The FIR mentions that at this stage, youth belonging to both communities brandished weapons, including iron rods, machetes, and pipes, and raised incendiary slogans. The police sensing that the situation was getting out of hand sought reinforcement even as they tried to restore order by when many shops and vehicles were torched by the mob.

Police personnel also came under attack and some of them were hospitalised for minor injuries, states the FIR. It has named 54 persons drawn from both communities apart from 100 to 150 people named as "A 55" whose names and details are yet to be ascertained.

Will sternly act against those trying to create divide on religious lines: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said the violence during a Ganesha idol immersion procession at Nagamangala in Mandya district is an act of miscreants which disturbs the peace and tranquillity in society.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said in a post on X that "our first priority is to maintain peace and order in society. Karnataka was like "a garden of peace" for all communities in the past 18 months without any riots or violence, he said and added that ruthless action would be taken against those trying to create a divide on religious grounds, regardless of their caste or religion.

He said the government had taken the clashes between two groups in the town on Wednesday night seriously. "I request the public to cooperate with us by maintaining peace and exercising restraint without succumbing to incitement," he said. The Home Department said there was a heated exchange of words between two groups when the idol procession by devotees from Badrikoppalu village reached a place of worship and some miscreants threw stones.

Taking stock: Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy holding a meeting with officials on the situation in Nagamangala on Thursday.

'Do not politicise'

Mandya district in-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, who visited the village, said the government would not tolerate attempts to disturb communal harmony in the State and would deal with those responsible strictly. The Minister urged the Opposition in the State not to politicise the incident and instead respond to it responsibly. Describing the violence as unfortunate, Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy said a minor incident escalated to full-blown violence but things were now under control. The Minister said that CCTV camera footage was being analysed. Based on the evidence, those who are innocent and not involved in clashes but are in custody would be released. But there was no question of sparing those found guilty of instigating or engaging in violence, he said.

With regard to properties that were damaged during the clash as multiple shops were set ablaze, the Minister said the loss was being assessed. It was the government's responsibility to ensure justice to those who had suffered loss, he said.

Deputy Commissioner Kumar and Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi have been instructed to conduct a peace meeting with leaders of all the communities within two days.

BJP blames it on 'appeasement politics'; seeks high-level probe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Condemning the attack on a Ganesha idol procession in Nagamangala on Wednesday night and the subsequent violence, the Opposition BJP has described it as a "direct fallout of the Congress government's appeasement politics".

Alleging that the "dangerous game of appeasement politics" has emboldened "anti-national elements", the BJP demanded a high-level probe by an agency like the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Leaders visit

A team of BJP leaders comprising party State president B.Y. Vijayendra, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok, and legislators C.N. Ashwath Narayan, C.T. Ravi, and Sunil Kumar, among others, rushed to the spot, visited the violence-hit areas and spoke to victims in a bid to instil confidence among them.

Spot visit: BJP leaders led by State unit president B.Y. Vijayendra, visiting the riot-affected area in Nagamangala town of Mandya district on Thursday.

Speaking to media persons at Nagamangala, Mr. Vijayendra described the attack on the procession as a planned one. Though miscreants used swords and petrol bombs to attack the procession and later set some properties on fire, the police remained mute spectators due to pressure from the government, he alleged.

"The Mandya district, which used to be known for farmers' struggle, has unfortunately caught the national attention now for communal issues," he alleged and demanded compensation towards the loss of properties. Mr. Ashok said: "After Pakistan zindabad slogans raised in the Vidhan Soudha corridors and a bomb blast at The Rameshwaram Cafe, this is yet another glaring example of how the Congress government has let anti-national elements capture the State, leading to complete collapse of law and order."

Home Minister flayed

Meanwhile, taking exception to Home Minister G. Parameshwara's statement that the episode was a "minor accident", the BJP accused him of trying to protect those involved in what it called a "cold-blooded attack".

Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for MSME Shobha Karandlaje demanded an NIA probe into the attack by maintaining that only a national agency could bring out the truth.

State leaders recall their association with Yechury

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

CPI(M) general secretary and former Rajya Sabha member Sitharam Yechury, who died on Thursday, was a popular leader among Karnataka's working class and political circles. He used to frequent Karnataka as he was a popular choice in the State in Left and progressive circles to speak on various issues.

Many prominent political leaders from Karnataka, including former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, condoled his death and recalled their association with him.

"I am very saddened to learn that Sitaram Yechury, my long-time friend and colleague, has passed away. My deepest condolences. His dedication to his cause and to his party will always be remembered. May the Almighty give his family the strength to bear the loss," said Mr. Gowda in his condolence message.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah expressed shock over the death of Mr. Yechury and said that the fight against communalism and capitalism had suffered a big loss in Mr. Yechury's death. He recalled that Mr. Yechury, who was a strong proponent of Leftist ideology, strongly believed in the principles of democracy. Mr. Yechury, who had been playing a major role in uniting secular forces against politics of communalism, was one of the architects of the erstwhile UPA-I government led by the Congress. He had even played a key role in evolving common minimum programme then, he recalled.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also recalled that the CPI(M) leader had attended the programme to mark his swearing-in as Chief Minister last year. Mr. Yechury had also contributed towards forming the INDIA grouping, he noted.

The CPI(M) State committee, which held a condolence meeting, said that Mr. Yechury became one of the prominent Marxist thinkers of the world owing to his vast knowledge about different dimensions of Marxism. Describing Mr. Yechury as a statesman who was selflessness and without ego, the CPI(M) State committee expressed concern that his death was a loss to not just the party, but to the entire community of oppressed sections and to the country's political field.

A meeting was held in Bengaluru to pay tribute to CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury who passed away on Thursday.

CM takes a dig at BJP's protest against Rahul's comment on reservation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP leaders' protest against Rahul Gandhi, leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, falsely accusing him of making anti-reservation statements, is like "butchers protesting against animal cruelty", Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said.

"What moral authority do those who have historically opposed reservation and sought to change the Constitution have to stage such protests?" he asked.

In a press statement, the Chief Minister said, "It is no surprise that BJP leaders, who have always held anti-reservation sentiments, lack the understanding or wisdom to interpret Mr. Gandhi's statement. The primary objective of reservation is to ensure equal opportunities for all in education, employment, and access to resources. This isn't just something Rahul Gandhi is saying – I stand by it too. How can this be construed as an anti-reservation statement?"

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Gandhi declared that the Congress was committed to increasing the reservation quota from the current 50% to 75%. If BJP leaders are truly as committed to reservation as they claim, they should pressure the Union government to increase the reservation quota from 50% to 75%, the Chief Minister said.

Spate of litigation over defamation cases filed by politicians for individual mudslinging: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Noticing that there is a spate of petitions on defamation proceedings initiated by leaders of different political parties against each other, the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday said that politicians nowadays appear to be indulging in individual mudslinging against each other.

"Of course, the issues are in the political arena but what is happening is individual mudslinging by political party leaders and members of all political parties... it is a lot of nonstop mudslinging against each other and washing dirty linen in public...," Justice M. Nagaprasanna orally remarked. The court made these oral remarks during the hearing of the petition filed by former MLA Suresh Gowda against a defamation suit filed by Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, and the petition filed by MLA Pradeep Eshwar challenging the defamation case initiated by the former MP Pratap Simha.

Every week 10 petitions challenging defamation cases filed by political leaders against each other are coming up for hearing before the High Court, said Mr. Justice Nagaprasanna while pointing out it would be a different case if the comments were against the political parties but in many of these cases it is individual mudslinging.

However, one of the advocates representing one of the petitioner-political leaders, in a lighter vein, said that "lawyers are happy" with such a number of defamation cases. Another advocate said many of these politicians would not have used such words against each other if they had appropriate control over Kannada language.

Shivakumar visits site of Mutt coming up in U.S.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar paid a visit to the Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt in New Jersey, U.S., which is coming up on a sprawling 20-acre campus in Franklin Township.

He appealed, through a video message, to all the Kannadigas and devotees of the mutt to contribute to the construction of Bairavanatha Peetha at New Jersey, said an official press release.

The release said the chief architect of the project, Babu Kilara, who has built the Chinmaya Mission, Art of Living Centre, and GSS Ashram in the U.S., briefed Mr. Shivakumar about the project. The mutt will go a long way in introducing Karnataka's spiritual traditions to the world, it said.

This project was conceived under the guidance of Balagangadharanatha Swami and is being realised under the leadership of Niramalananda Swami.

Prayaag Akbar's new novel, *Mother India*, plunges into pressing, contemporary matters

The author was at the Champaca Bookstore in Bengaluru recently to launch his second book and discuss its many nuances with poet and novelist Jeet Thayil

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Prayaag Akbar remembers reading about an actress whose photograph was photoshopped and used, without her knowledge, on an online platform. "She was completely clueless about it until the media started reporting it," says the Goa-based writer, who was in Bengaluru to launch his latest novel, *Mother India*.

"For me, that was kind of shocking, but also just a fact. People can take your images and do whatever they want with them," says Akbar in a conversation with poet and novelist Jeet Thayil held at Champaca Bookstore.

Something similar happens to one of Akbar's protagonists, Nisha, in *Mother India*. Mayank, the other protagonist, steals her image from her public Instagram profile, feeds it into AI software and uses it to create a GIF of Mother India. This novel, which unfurls in alternating narratives, diving in and out of the worlds of Mayank, a right-wing content creator and Nisha, a sales assistant, is Akbar's second. His award-winning debut novel, *Leila*, set in a scourged, dystopian landscape of the future, was published in 2017. "Seven years?" asks Thayil. "Did it have something to do with the fact that you were a journalist... a teacher... a hands-on dad?"

Akbar admits that while many things were happening in his life, he took as long as he did because he struggled with writing Mayank. "I kept writing this character without seeing him in his full humanity," he says, pointing out that he constantly saw Mayank through the lens of the right-wing troll with objectionable politics. "I couldn't reach who he was beyond that, and I've tried to get there in the novel. That also took me a bit of time," he says.

Prayaag Akbar in conversation with Jeet Thayil.

A realistic novel

Mother India is realistic– often frighteningly so – and the reader will find obvious parallels in today's newspapers or, more likely, the internet. The slender novel packs quite a punch, plunging into several pressing contemporary matters such as the perniciousness of social media, the exponential rise of national populism and cultural conservatism in India, income iniquity and job scarcity, urban loneliness, and even the street dog-human conflict.

It also challenges the tired trope of the sacrificial Indian mother, so prevalent in popular culture, by exploring various forms of motherhood, including a refreshingly hands-off canine mother. At its core, however, it is the story of two regular young people trying to forge their path in a city struggling with a complex past and uncertain future, doing their best to negotiate the multiple realities, malleable truth and impending climate crisis of our times.

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> PRAYAAG AKBAR

"The books (*Leila* and *Mother India*) are very different in some ways," says Thayil. "But I thought that there are similar kinds of engines that work." For instance, both novels grapple with the idea of an India that is in peril, he says. "And both describe caste and class divisions from the inside, especially class in this book."

The residence of Aryan Mishra, class 12 student, who was allegedly chased in a car and shot dead on August 23 by a group of five cow vigilantes at his residence in Faridabad, Haryana.

While these subjects have always interested him, Akbar also believes that they are inescapable in a country like India. "Even fiction that isn't oriented around these subjects must address it," he says. The boundaries of class and caste play out very differently in India when compared to the West, where it would be rare for someone from another economic background to enter your home, he says. "In India, those boundaries don't exist in that way. We have people working in our homes."According to him, these people invariably end up seeing you in "every manifestation of yourself...in a very private and personal way." But there are also sharp divisions, and "you don't always share things in the same way as you would with someone in your own class," he says. "For me, that was really interesting... to look at that dynamic and think about how we address it."

In a virtual world

The problems posed by technology – whether it is the internet's potential to be a vehicle of hate-mongering and falsehood, the porosity of the borders between the virtual and real or the questionable benefits and ethics of AI and Machine Learning – crop up multiple times, both in the discussion and the audience Q&A that followed it. Thayil brings up the "vitriolic videos" and "real-life footage of cow vigilantism and murder" that are now an unfortunate reality in India before asking, "The idea of a young woman whose photograph is used for an AI-created GIF of Mother India is so contemporary that it seems ripped from today's headlines. How did the idea come to you?"

Akbar says that it came in stages "as ideas do." One thing that struck him, for instance, was the fact that COVID-19 enhanced social media's ubiquity, significantly altering our perception of the world. "I felt that the presence of social media in our lives has somehow really increased-...become louder and more present since the pandemic," he says. "It's become such an important agent of reaching out to one another." He also talks about an image that he stumbled upon on the internet, one that depicted Mother India being pelted with stones by two young Muslim boys. "I was taken aback by the kind of rage I saw."

Once he discovered this image, he realised that it could be a central image in his novel. "A lot of the story came from there," says Akbar, who also cruised through YouTube's darker recesses to unearth political commentary. "They're making these very hateful points. But they're doing it in these very engaging and amusing ways... using memes in clever ways... old Bollywood clips," says Akbar. "I learned a lot about how these guys transmit their messages and why they hold so much appeal."

Delhi deliberations

The city of Delhi – sprawling, ancient, ethnically diverse, sometimes daunting, and often miasmatic – is a central character in the novel, as expertly etched as its two protagonists, Mayank and Nisha. "This novel could only have been set in Delhi," says Thayil, who, as a former resident of Delhi himself, was pleased to find references to localities in the city that only a long-time resident would have heard of. "I got the feeling sometimes that the characters, at least the two main characters in the book, are of Delhi but are also at odds with it... as so many of us who lived there were," he says.

Nisha, the book's female protagonist, is clearly an outsider, responds Akbar, adding that this allowed him to write about what a new migrant to the city experiences. "It is a very Delhi fact of life now," he says, alluding to the thousands of people who come to the city searching for better prospects. "It used to be such a Punjabi city, and it is not that anymore," says Akbar, who chose the economic migrant experience to understand how someone could "want to be in a place but also not want to be in a place," he says.

From Kolkata to Delhi

Akbar also speaks about his own relationship with Delhi, a city he grew up in, moving there from Kolkata as a young boy of eight or nine. "It's a city that obviously is very dear to me," says Akbar, adding, however, that it also mystified him.

"I think you see that in the novel...there is a kind of affection for the city and a wariness of it," he says. He believes that the city – one he began to find difficult to live in – leaves many people feeling that way about it. But it is also clearly a city that is hard to shake off completely. "I left Delhi finally about, maybe, 10 or 11 years ago, and I still haven't been able to stop writing about it."

Team India's best finish at World Youth Scrabble Championship

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the first time in the history of the World Youth Scrabble Championship (WYSC), two players from India made it to the top five, as Suyash Manchali, 14, and Madhav Gopal Kamath, 13, finished second and fourth respectively among 136 players from 15 countries at the 2024 edition of the tournament held at Citrus Waskaduwa in Sri Lanka from September 6 to 8.

According to a press release, WYSC is a Scrabble Youth World Cup, organised annually for the world's top junior Scrabble players.

Suyash from Bangalore and Madhav from Delhi have both been producing consistent performances against fellow juniors and senior players alike in both national and global Scrabble tournaments in the past few years, and their strong finish at the 2024 World Youth Scrabble Championship was another indication of their rapid success in the competitive Scrabble arena.

Spain's Ambassador to India discusses AI's influence on governance, importance of urban planning

Juan Antonio March expresses concern over lack of adequate urban planning in rapidly growing cities like Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Spain's Ambassador to India Juan Antonio March emphasised the urgent need for nations to unite and collaborate on global challenges, particularly in the face of unprecedented technological advancements, at a discussion on 'AI: Architect of Politics' at The Bangalore International Centre.

Noting that an ignorant attitude to utilizing technological advancements effectively can hinder a country's development, especially in the political sphere, he expressed concern over the lack of adequate urban planning in many parts of India, particularly in rapidly growing cities like Bengaluru.

Tanuj Bhojwani, the head of People+AI, was also present at the event.

One of the key themes that emerged from the discussion was the ethical implications of AI GETTY IMAGES/

(From left) Ambassador Juan Antonio March and Tanuj Bhojwani.

The ethical implications

One of the key themes that emerged from the discussion was the ethical implications of AI. The rapid advancement of AI technology raises concerns about its potential misuse and its impact on jobs and privacy. The speakers emphasized the importance of developing ethical guidelines and regulations to ensure that AI is used responsibly and for the benefit of society.

The role of governments in regulating AI development was another important topic discussed. While some advocate for a non-intrusive approach, others argue that governments should play a more direct role in ensuring that AI is developed and utilized ethically. The speakers highlighted the need for international cooperation and collaboration to address the global challenges posed by AI.

The potential for AI to enhance democratic processes was also explored. The speakers discussed how AI can be used to improve access to information, increase voter participation, and combat misinformation. However, they also warned of the risks of AI being used to manipulate elections or undermine democratic institutions.

Urban planning

During the discussion, March also emphasized the importance of urban planning in shaping societies' futures. He highlighted the need for well-planned cities that are sustainable, inclusive, and resilient to climate change. He asserted that investing in urban planning can enhance the quality of life for citizens and foster economic growth.

The speakers agreed that the challenges posed by AI require global collaboration and cooperation. They emphasized the need for international agreements and standards to ensure that AI is developed and used responsibly. They also called for increased investment in research and development to address the ethical and societal challenges of AI.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 13, 1974

New Organisation of Farmers in South Kanara

Mangalore, Sept. 12: A new district-level organisation of farmers has been formed in South Kanara to safeguard interests of the farming community. Mr. Panchal Achyatha Prabhu, president of the Farm Experience Club, presided over a meeting convened for the purpose by the Kotekar Krishikara Samaja and the Krishi Anubhava Koota, Mangalore, in the Molahalli Shivarao Smarak Sabha Bhavan here on Sunday. Representatives from different parts of the district participated. The meeting passed a resolution urging the Electricity Board to withdraw the newly imposed demand charges for irrigation pump sets and to give advance notice of shutdown of power supply in rural areas since the farmers were being put to great hardship by sudden shutdown.

Minimum Auto Fare Fixed at 45 Paise

Bangalore, Sept. 12: The Regional Transport Authority has fixed the minimum autorickshaw fare at 45 paise per kilometer in the Bangalore region with immediate effect. Hitherto the minimum fare was 90 paise. The RTA notification says that in future the fare for every one-fifth of a kilometer or part thereof will be nine paise instead of six paise. The autorickshaw owners have been instructed to exhibit the conversion table of the revised rates pending recalibration of the meters in terms of revised rates. The RTA is also supplying conversion tables to autorickshaws playing in the Bangalore region.

Karnataka InFocus

THE HINDU

NUGGETS OF HISTORY

Precursor to the War of Independence

The battle of Kittur is considered the precursor to the War of Independence against the British. It was led by Rani Channamma, dowager queen of the princely state of Kittur in 1824, 33 years before the First War of Independence of 1857. The valour of Rani Channamma and her lieutenants like Sangolli Rayanna and Amatur Balappa are the stuff of folklore.

A decisive battle against British

The East India Company forces were decisively defeated in Kittur in present day Belagavi district in Karnataka on October 23, 1824. Amatur Balappa, a soldier tasked with protecting the queen, Channamma, shot dead St. John Thackeray, the collector of Dharwad and political agent of the Company. Thackeray had raided the town and seized the treasury.

The defeat of the Kittur army

Military officers like Sangolli Rayanna and Gurusiddappa took two British officers captive - Walter Elliot and Stevenson. The British forces traded peace with the queen and managed to return after releasing some prisoners of war. But they returned with additional forces a few days later and defeated the Kittur army on December 3, 1824.

Arrested and tried at Dharwad

The British arrested Rani Channamma and tried her in Dharwad. The room in which she was incarcerated is inside the official residence of the Deputy Commissioner. It has now been turned into a memorial. Channamma was given capital punishment. She died of ill health in the Bailhongal prison. The State government maintains a park around her resting place.

Marking the historical event of Kittur battle

The State government plans to celebrate the bicentenary of the Kittur battle by organising a three-day Kittur Utsav. It will have discussion sessions on the history of the royal family and the freedom struggle in northern Karnataka along with cultural programmes. Private efforts like the Kittur Declaration have been organised by women's organisations.

It's 200 years since brave Rani Channamma fought the British at Kittur

The two battles of Kittur of 1824, led by Rani Channamma, were among the earliest armed conflicts against the British East India Company in South India

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

The equestrian statue of Rani Channamma in the village of Kakati lies to the south of the Bengaluru-Pune national highway. Those driving past hurriedly can miss the statue. A detour into the service road leads to the gram panchayat office on whose premises stands the tall metal statue. A metal board proclaims Kakati to be the birth place of Channamma.

A walk of around one kilometre into the small street on the right leads to an empty ground with a couple of mud domes. This used to be the family home of Dhoolappa Gouda, Channamma's father. There is nothing else to remind visitors of the significance of the place where the warrior queen spent the first 15 years of her life.

No plaque, no guides

Similarly neglected is the public garden in Bailhongal town that houses her grave. The park has no plaque with details of the queen's life or death. The grave stone remains unclean and the paint is coming off. There are no guides to show visitors around the park or the prison that she was kept in.

Fewer people know of the Deshanoor palace, the summer hunting lodge of King Mallasarja Desai, her husband. It is unmarked. One has to walk down the valley to reach the place, which is surrounded by lantana and other weeds. The only stories one hears are those by cowherds who speak of the kings and queens of Kittur.

The majestic fort of Kittur is maintained by the ASI and the government of Karnataka, but there are no guides here either.

Grand plans of building a replica of the fort in a 52-acre plot in Bacchanakeri village along the national highway, or in situ development of the Kittur fort have not taken off yet.

A fascinating history

The two battles of Kittur of 1824 were among the earliest armed battles against the British East India Company in south India after the Anglo-Mysuru wars fought by Tipu Sultan. They were led by Rani Channamma, queen of Kittur, who rallied against the British agent in Dharwad in October and November 1824.

Hailing from a Panchamasali Lingayat family in Kakati in Belagavi taluk, Channamma was married to King Mallasarja Desai. After his death, she opposed the British and waged a war. She died in the Bailhongal prison in 1829. Writer and scholar, the late M.M. Kalaburgi called Channamma 'the pole star of the Indian freedom struggle'.

"Kittur was one of the first cases where the company tried to take over the reigns of the kingdom by dismissing attempts by the king to adopt a male heir," says Mahesh Channangi, a historian.

The Doctrine of Lapse was enforced by James Ramsay of Dalhousie in 1848. But the company's court of directors had informally enforced a similar policy in 1834. Company officers Mount Stuart Elphinstone, Lieutenant-Governor of the Bombay presidency, and St. John Thackeray, the agent at Dharwad, refused to accept an adoption deed submitted by the queen in 1823, claiming that it was either fake or forged. Mr. Thackeray suspected that it was not signed by the King Shivalinga Sarja Desai, the former ruler of Kittur, and was fudged by the courtiers. The company did not honour an 1818 agreement between the company officer in Dharwad granting functional autonomy to the princely state of Kittur.

"Thackeray laid siege to the town and locked the State's treasury. He also stationed troops around the town. This angered Channamma who declared war,'' says Channangi.

Rani Chennamma adopted Shivalingappa Savai Sarja after her husband Mallasarja Desai and his son Shivalinga Sarja Desai died. But the company rejected the adoption deed. The queen's letter to Mount Stuart Elphinstone was sent back.

A statue of Kittur Rani Chennamma in front of the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. P.K. BADIGER

The statue of Sangolli Rayanna near City Railway Station in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

The fort of Rani Channamma at Kittur. P.K. BADIGER

A scene from Rani Channamma's court recreated in Sangolli village in Belagavi district. P.K. BADIGER

A scene from the life of Sangolli Rayanna recreated in Sangolli village in Belagavi district. P.K. BADIGER

The lieutenants

The most famous of the queen's lieutenants was Sangolli Rayanna. The government of Karnataka has built a fort in is honour in Sangolli village, and started a Sainik school. He was born in a shepherd's family in Sangolli near Bailhongal. His forefathers had served in the Kittur army.

After the second battle of Kittur, he escaped, along with a few supporters, to the jungles of Khanapur. He gathered an army of peasants and led a guerrilla war against the company till he was betrayed by a local zamindar, which led to his capture in 1829. He was tried and publicly hanged from a tree in Nandagad near Khanapur in 1830. There were other lesser-known lieutenants like Amatur Balappa, Sardar Gurusiddappa, Gajaveera Siddi, Avaradi Veerappa, and Bichugatti Channabasappa whose stories are featured in several Lavani songs.

A statue of Amatur Balappa carrying a double barrel gun greets visitors at the entrance to Kittur. However, his identity is contested. While some believe he was a Lingayat from the Sadhunavar family, some others argue he belonged to the Hanabar Yadav community. Writer A.N. Krishna Rao believes he was a Muslim named Balasaheb Sadnavar.

"I was charmed by his courage. I never thought about his caste," says Balasaheb Lokapur, veteran writer who has authored a book on Amatur Balappa.

According to the Lavanis, the notorious traitors, who are believed to have betrayed Channamma and Rayanna, are Haveri Govindrao, Mallappa Shetty, Kallur Karibasappa, Hurakadli Shivabasappa, Shivalingiah Swami, Govind Bhatt and Gejji Mahantavva.

The celebrations

The government of Karnataka plans to celebrate the bicentenary in a grand manner. District in-charge minister Satish Jarkiholi has held two meetings with officials to review preparations for a three-day Kittur Utsav in October.

A series of programmes, including rural sports, folk art performances and discussions, would be held. A lecture series on the history of the royal house of Kittur and the freedom struggle would be organised. A committee will be formed to launch a commemorative edition about the bi-centenary.

The descendants of freedom fighters, like Srimant Uday Desai, will be invited to the celebrations. Women achievers from various walks of life will be felicitated. A request will be sent to the Department of Posts to release special stamps, said the Minister.

The Karnataka Jaanapada Vishwavidyalaya (Karnataka Folklore University) will design a logo for the event. Officials of the Education Department will organise essay and quiz competitions for students at the State level. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Roshan said an air show is also being planned.

Other efforts

Some women's organisations celebrated the Kittur victory by releasing a Kittur declaration in the town in February 2024.

The declaration, which was drafted by members of around 75 organisations across India, urges women to fight for the land and rights of people of the country, women's dignity and livelihood. It asks women to dedicate themselves to secure the rights enshrined in the Constitution, to preserve the social fabric, restore communal harmony, and to stand up for the rights of citizens to reclaim India and reject authoritarianism.

The declaration was read out by women delegates, led by rights advocate Varsha Deshpande, at 'I too am Rani Channamma', an event held to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the 1824 battle. Delegates from across India participated in the event.

A campaign song, written by Gauhar Raza, was released on the occasion. Artists Saba Azad, Samar Grewal, Tony Peter, Pankaj H. Gupta, Lina Krishnan, and M. Pervez were involved in making of an audio-visual biography of Rani Chennamma called 'The Feisty Rani Chennamma'.

Shabnam Hashmi, activist who addressed a rally, said that the Kittur Declaration was translated into 10 Indian languages, and would be taken to every part of India by women activists. "Women can not remain mute spectators to these threats to our democracy, freedom, and the Constitution. This declaration is a call to all women in the country to speak up, to come out on the roads, and march for our dignity and our rights,'' she said.

Indian Immunologicals, ICMR ink pact for vaccine

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Vaccine maker Indian Immunologicals (IIL) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) for clinical development of the country's first codon de-optimised live attenuated Zika vaccine.

ICMR will be funding phase I clinical trial costs, including those relating to the conduct, investigations and monitoring of clinical trial under the agreement. The trial will be conducted at the ICMR network sites in India, IIL said in a release on Thursday.

ICMR's phase I trial network, launched last year, facilitates first-in-human safety studies for innovative and affordable frontier medtech, including small molecules, biologics and vaccines. With four phase-I sites – ACTREC-Mumbai, KEM Hospital-Mumbai, SRM-Chennai and PGIMER-Chandigarh – fully operational, Indian innovators no longer need to go abroad for phase-I trials, Director-General of ICMR Rajiv Bahl said.

IIL has partnered with Griffith University, Australia, to develop the codon de-optimised live attenuated Zika vaccine, which has completed extensive preclinical evaluations and received permission from Indian regulatory authority to produce GMP grade materials for clinical developmental work.

The company is working on developing vaccines for several neglected emerging diseases. The list includes Zika, Kyasanur Forest Disease, Chikungunya and a SARS-CoV-2 intra-nasal booster vaccine, IIL deputy MD Priyabrata Pattnaik said. A viral infection, Zika is mostly a mosquito-borne disease.

MUDA case: HC reserves verdict on Siddaramaiah's plea

He has questioned the Governor's approval for a probe against him

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday reserved its verdict on a petition filed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, questioning the legality of approval granted by the Governor for investigation against him in the alleged illegalities in the allotment 14 sites to his wife in a layout in Mysuru city by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Justice M. Nagaprasanna reserved the order after completion of the arguments on behalf of Mr. Siddaramaiah, and three complainants – Abraham T.J, Snehamayi Krishna, and Pradeep Kumar S.P. – to whom the Governor had granted approval to seek an order from the trial court for conducting investigation against the Chief Minister. Earlier, in response to the arguments made on behalf of the complainants, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who represented Mr. Siddaramaiah, said that there were no illegalities in either denotifcation of land acquired by MUDA or allotment of 14 sites as alternative land for unauthorisedly utilising the land owned by Parvathi, wife of Mr. Siddaramaiah, for the formation of Devanur 3rd stage layout.

Siddaramaiah

Mr. Singhvi argued that the Governor's order of granting approval for investigation had failed to show any credible material to connect Mr. Siddaramaiah to any of the developments either in the government or in the MUDA that resulted in allotment o 14 sites to his wife.

Ranjith appears before SIT

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Director Ranjith appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the sexual harassment allegations levelled against members of the Malayalam film industry at the Coastal Police AIG G. Poonguzhali's office in Kochi on Thursday.

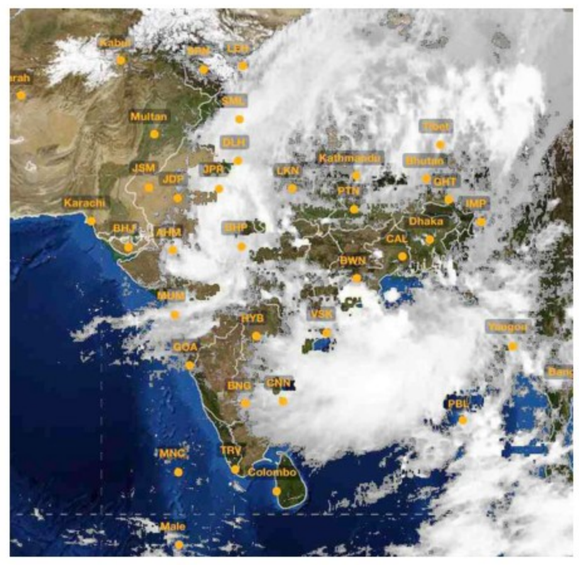
Ms. Poonguzhali is one of the investigation officers of the SIT probing the cases registered in Ernakulam district.

Mr. Ranjith was appearing in public for the first time since the emergence of a sexual harassment allegation levelled by a Bengali actor about a month ago.

She accused Mr. Ranjith of misbehaving with her at a flat in Kadavanthra while auditioning for a role in one of his films.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.6	27.4	Kozhikode	17	33.4	24.5
Ahmedabad	—	33.5	26.3	Kurnool	—	33.5	23.8
Aizawl	3	33.6	24.0	Lucknow	30	29.0	25.4
Allahabad	0.8	31.7	26.8	Madurai	—	40.6	27.3
Bengaluru	—	29.1	20.5	Mangaluru	4.1	30.4	23.5
Bhopal	61	29.1	23.3	Mumbai	13	31.2	23.8
Bhubaneswar	—	33.4	27.1	Mysuru	—	30.5	20.0
Chandigarh	—	31.6	26.4	New Delhi	16	27.9	23.1
Chennai	—	37.2	28.1	Patna	—	35.9	28.4
Coimbatore	—	34.4	23.0	Port Blair	2	31.5	26.2
Dehradun	2	27.0	25.0	Puducherry	—	36.0	26.1
Gangtok	14	25.0	18.4	Pune	0.5	28.5	22.6
Goa	9	32.0	25.0	Raipur	—	33.0	24.7
Guwahati	0.6	35.6	25.6	Ranchi	—	31.2	23.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	21.0	Shillong	3	26.8	16.5
Hyderabad	—	30.4	23.2	Shimla	—	24.4	20.1
Imphal	—	30.6	21.3	Srinagar	—	31.8	13.7
Jaipur	6	30.4	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	10	31.3	24.7
Kochi	2	31.0	25.0	Tiruchi	1.8	38.5	26.6
Kohima	—	28.4	18.6	Vijayawada	—	34.5	26.6
Kolkata	—	33.2	29.0	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	27.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	42	19	140	135	
Bengaluru	13	19	44	30	102	
Chennai	14	2	28	62	91	
Delhi	16	46	39	44	120	
Hyderabad	25	25	44	61	65	
Kolkata	6	41	79	48	84	
Lucknow	10	7	93	28	102	
Mumbai	2	14	36	58	79	
Pune	—	40	45	40	57	
Visakhapatnam	12	37	29	75	105	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 270 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala ADGP meets Police Chief to counter accusations

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, M.R. Ajith Kumar, appeared before State Police Chief Shaik Darvesh Saheb here on Thursday to counter the accusations of "clandestine" meetings with top Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leaders, illegal amassment of wealth, unlawful phone tapping, criminality and nepotism.

Mr. Ajith Kumar's post and service rules constrained him from responding publicly to the imputations raised by the ruling front and the Opposition.

Hence, he officially sought a government probe to clear his name. Mr. Ajith Kumar also sought government sanction to proceed against his accusers, including Left Democratic Front (LDF) Independent legislator P.V. Anvar, if the probe cleared him of wrongdoing.

The accusations against the officer has seemingly cast Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's Office (CMO), including his political secretary P. Sasi, in the eye of a political storm.

Moreover, Mr. Ajith Kumar's continuation in the top post became a serious point of contention between ruling front allies and the CPI(M) at a meeting of the Left Democratic Front on Wednesday.

CPI(M) allies, chiefly the Communist Party of India (CPI) and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), were reportedly miffed that the "ADGP-RSS secret meeting" was absent from the LDF meeting's agenda despite its potential for enduring political damage.

They were reportedly constrained to break protocol and directly flag their concerns about Mr. Ajith Kumar with Mr. Vijayan.

The LDF allies demanded that the government put the controversy behind it as soon as possible, lest it becomes a lingering political liability for the ruling front in the run-up to the byelections in the Chelakkara Assembly constituency and the Wayanad Lok Sabha segment.

They feared that "inaction" against Mr. Ajith Kumar would lend credence to the Opposition's conjecture that an RSS lobby controlled law enforcement to advantage the BJP politically.

The CPI made a similar accusation concerning the Thrissur Pooram "disruption".

CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan refuted reports that differences over the continuation of Mr. Ajith Kumar in office has rocked the ruling front's cohesion. He said the government could not afford to act against an officer based on imputations and without proof. "The issue is that the probe has just commenced. Let us await the outcome," he said.

Kerala mourns CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury's passing

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The passing of CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury has sent shock waves of sorrow and disbelief across every corner of Kerala's political and social spectrum.

As a mark of respect, CPI(M) offices across the State flew the party flag at half-mast. CPI(M) workers raised a black flag in front of the party's State headquarters at AKG Centre here.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan remembered Mr. Yechury as a seasoned communist leader who elicited the respect of the party's detractors through his studied, gentlemanly, refined and insightful approach to politics. He said Mr. Yechury guided the CPI (M) through difficult political situations during his nine-year term as general secretary. He termed Mr. Yechury's passing a personal loss.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan described Mr. Yechury as an astute politician not limited by ideological shackles. Without losing his communist moorings, Mr. Yechury successfully guided the CPI (M) through dire straits of realpolitik in a highly challenging socio-political era, he said.

CPI State secretary Binoy Viswam fondly remembered his decades-long personal and political association with Mr. Yechury. "He was an avid reader, an ardent smoker and a brilliant conversationalist. Pleasantness was the hallmark of Mr. Yechury's character. The general secretary was also a Marxist intellectual who could wield ideology and practical politics with equal ease."

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'Ideological lodestar'

Left Democratic Front (LDF) convener T.P. Ramakrishnan said Mr. Yechury was the party's ideological lodestar.

Veteran Congress leader A.K. Antony said Mr. Yechury's passing was a significant loss for the country and the Opposition INDIA bloc at a time when the political tides were turning against the BJP and RSS. "There was no day I would not enquire about Mr. Yechury's well-being," he said.

CPI(M) Polit Bureau member M.A. Baby said Mr. Yechury was deeply involved in planning the party's 24th national conference in Madurai in Tamil Nadu in 2025 when death overtook the general secretary.

CPI(M) Central committee member E.P. Jayarajan reminisced about his activist days with Mr. Yechury in the Students Federation of India in the early 1980s.

A.P. CM Naidu requests Central team to recommend liberal aid to flood-hit State

V. Raghavendra
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu requested the Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) that visited Andhra Pradesh for two days to assess the damage caused by the recent floods, to ensure that the Centre extended liberal assistance.

Mr. Naidu told the team that it was a major calamity and all possible help should be provided by the Centre.

Speaking to the team members who met him at the Secretariat on Thursday, Mr. Naidu said the recent floods wreaked havoc that was unheard of in many decades. It caused extensive damage to properties besides destroying crops that left the farmers high and dry. The Centre's aid should be substantial to helplakhs of people to rebuild their lives.

The Central Team submitting a preliminary report on floods to A.P. CM N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Record rain

Mr. Naidu said Vijayawada city and its surrounding areas were battered by a record 50 cm of rain in just 48 hours and the resultant flood fury was unparalleled in the history of the Krishna Barrage, which was built to handle a maximum flood of 11.90 lakh cusecs. It received 11.43 lakh cusecs, which was the highest inflow recorded so far. He stressed the need to consider the likelihood of the flood reaching 14 lakh cusecs while drafting their report.

The flood was a huge disaster that food and medicines were delivered by drones and fire engines were used to clean roads and houses.

Recovering from the disaster would be difficult if the Centre did not give a substantial relief package, he asserted, and pointed out that he had camped at the NTR district Collectorate for 10 days to oversee the flood impact.

IMCT leader Anil Subrahmanyam, told the CM that he would apprise the Centre of the damage inflicted by the floods and try to ensure that an appropriate financial package was provided to overcome the crisis.

Good scope for MSME parks in food processing sector: Naidu

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said the government is according highest priority to the establishment of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), especially in the food processing sector, which has tremendous scope in the State.

Addressing a review meeting on the MSMEs and the Department of Food Processing, at the Secretariat on Thursday, Mr. Naidu said the government would take steps to revive the MSMEs, which suffered major setbacks in the recent years.

He observed that the MSME parks made little progress in the last five years, but the present coalition government would give them the required hand-holding to recover from the problems.

Emphasis had been laid on releasing the pending incentives, he said.

Akin to Pune

Mr. Naidu said the farmers should have a stake in the MSME parks so that they would directly benefit from the business, and suggested to the officials to study a similar policy that existed in Pune.

He said the policy should be easy for compliance, insisting that permissions be automatically given in case of delays, and directed the officials to link up DWCRA groups with the MSMEs.

'Cater to EVs'

Further, he ordered that steps be taken to modernise Auto Nagars in order to make them cater to the electric vehicles also, and announced that ₹100 crore would be allocated as credit guarantee for the MSMEs. He expressed the opinion that the food processing industries had great potential for growth, and instructed the officials to encourage organic farming on a large scale.

Ministers T.G. Bharat (Industries & Commerce) and Kondapalli Srinivas (MSMEs) were among those present.

Second furnace closed, Vizag Steel Plant on the verge of total shutdown

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VISAKHAPATNAM

As reported in these columns earlier this week, the process of producing hot metal liquid steel at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (RINL-VSP) has started slowing down due to lack of funds and raw materials, primarily coking coal.

Its blast furnace, BF-3 Annapurna, was closed on Thursday (September 12, 2024). BF-1, Godavari, was already closed in March this year. Now only one of the three furnaces of the plant, Krishna, is functional with the available coking coal, which is expected to last for five to six days. If fresh coal stocks do not arrive, the third furnace will also have to be closed down and there will be no steel production at RINL-VSP, which will be the first such instance since the steel plant opened in 1982.

If production stops at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, it will be the first such instance since its inception in 1982. FILE PHOTO

Confirming the blowing down of the Annapurna blast furnace, an RINL-VSP official source told *The Hindu* that it would be reheated if enough coal was available. RINL needs at least 14,000 tonnes of coking coal per day to produce 20,000 tonnes of hot metal liquid steel through its three furnaces. While it should have at least 45 days of coal stock (6.3 lakh tonnes), currently only 20,000 tonnes is available, forcing the management to opt for the furnace blowing down option.

According to sources, the decision to blow down Annapurna BF was made internally a few days ago with the approval of officials and a copy of the order under the title, "Technical Instructions for Blowing Down Blast Furnace-3", was circulated.

TTD to begin Pavitrotsavam for all temples

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUPATI

The major temples under the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) are all set to witness the annual purificatory ritual 'Pavitrotsavam' this week.

Sri Govindaraja Swamy temple located in Tirupati will observe the ritual from September 14 to 16

The event will be conducted at Sri Padmavati Ammavari temple in Tiruchanur from September 16 to 18. As part of the temple cleansing ritual, 'Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam' was performed on September 10, where the entire temple precincts, including the sanctum sanctorum, were washed.

Good, but not enough

Free health coverage to all over 70 years is good, but more needs to be done

In a welcome move, the Union government's decision to extend the coverage of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to senior citizens over 70 years, irrespective of their income, provides a modicum of free health coverage to nearly 60 million people. With out-of-pocket expenditure for health care in India among the highest in the world, the decision is indeed laudable. While the decision to provide free health coverage up to ₹0.5 million per year for a section of the population is noble, it will in no way fulfil the public health objectives that are much needed for the targeted beneficiaries. First and foremost, the health assurance scheme is limited to secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation. The absence of coverage for outpatient care, diagnostics and medicines is particularly concerning as chronic diseases have increased sharply in India in the last few decades. Increased life expectancy and an early onset of these diseases would mean that people over 70 may very often suffer from multiple chronic diseases. Most of the health-care expenditure by the elderly will, therefore, be through outpatient care (40%-80%), which will not be covered by the scheme. Since its launch in 2018, the penetration of PM-JAY into smaller cities and towns has been low in most States. Unlike in most of the southern States, primary and secondary health care in the public sector has been largely neglected and is inadequate and ill equipped to meet the demand in other parts. Robust primary and secondary public health care will sharply cut the load on tertiary health care and hence the need for curative care; a reduced curative care load at tertiary hospitals will make the PM-JAY scheme succeed.

Thailand focused and progressively strengthened its primary health-care system, and even diverted funds earmarked for urban hospitals to build rural hospitals and health centres to attain universal health coverage. In contrast, in the U.S., banking primarily on insurance-based schemes is what led to the surging costs of health care. India appears to be going the U.S. way. Though there is waning enthusiasm in the private sector due to low treatment rates and delayed payment, as per media reports, since its launch, two-thirds of the total money spent each year under the PM-JAY scheme went to private hospitals; it was 53% in the case of the southern States. Weakened primary and secondary health care will result in an overload in tertiary health care, which the private players will be well poised to take advantage of. This can lead to a further shrinking of the government's commitment to strengthen the public health-care system by over-relying on the insurance modality which is neither affordable nor will provide appropriate health care for the needy. In its present form, PM-JAY is a measure that is essential, but is incomplete.

Street power

The Kolkata protest must keep its focus and not be a free-for-all

It has been a tumultuous month in Kolkata with junior doctors and civil society leading protests against the brutal rape and murder of a woman doctor on duty on August 9. The rallying cry, "We demand justice", is being heard loud and clear by everyone, from the State administration right up to the Supreme Court. Doctors have defied the Court's appeal to return to work, and had set conditions to hold talks with the State administration, including an assurance that the meeting is centred around their five key demands and is televised. The Mamata Banerjee government rejected the pre-conditions, and urged the doctors to return to work. The breakdown of trust between the two sides is proving to be counter-productive. The doctors want the culprits identified and punished; disciplinary action against R.G. Kar's former principal, Sandip Ghosh, who is in custody; resignation of Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal; increased security for health workers; and an end to the "threat culture" in hospitals and medical colleges across West Bengal. As protests continue, the list of wants has expanded, and includes a call for an overhaul of the government health departments, which have not been functioning at their best.

The State government has taken several steps for the protection of health workers, such as launching an initiative, '*Rattirer Shaathi* (helpers of the night)'. But these will not help stem the rot and are seen as tokenism at best. That the Court had to direct the State administration to provide separate duty rooms, toilets and install CCTVs indicates that the health infrastructure is creaking. The government needs to do more to break the logjam. The doctors and students too must take the movement for justice to another level. They can resort to relay strikes, thus ensuring that a majority can return to work. In the quest for justice, doctors cannot end up being unjust to a large section of the people dependent on government hospital care. West Bengal is a poor State and when a government hospital under-performs, it affects the vulnerable the most. The government has said over six lakh patients have been turned away from government hospitals this month. Doctors refute the number, saying they are holding telemedicine services and 'Abhaya Clinics' on Sundays; and that senior doctors are working harder to ensure that work goes on. With the festival season around the corner, which is the chief source of revenue for a large number of people, the onus is on the government and the doctors to resolve the crisis at the earliest.

Putting the brakes on 'bulldozer justice'

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The thread in extra-legal demolitions carried out across different parts of India is a lack of due process and a blatant disregard for directives issued by the judiciary in the past

The Supreme Court of India has invited suggestions from the parties concerned to frame appropriate pan-India guidelines on extra-legal demolitions. The order comes in the wake of multiple instances of demolitions where the houses and building establishments of persons accused of certain crimes have been razed without following due process. These demolitions have become commonplace over the last few years, targeting vulnerable groups and often leaving them without any legal recourse.

This selective, yet arbitrary, state action has rendered the right to housing meaningless since evictions are brazenly carried out by local authorities, often at odd hours, without any alternative facility or engagement for rehabilitation. The inequality, social conflict and segregation that follow such action run the risk of intensifying the marginalisation of certain communities and go against the spirit of the Constitution and due process enshrined in criminal procedure laws.

In light of overarching principles of human rights, constitutional values and social justice, there is a strong need to formulate guidelines and re-imagine the existing legal framework which bestows unbridled executive power on municipal authorities to order and execute such demolitions.

The legality of punitive demolitions

Large-scale demolition drives as a means of collective punishment for rioters are becoming rampant. What started with bulldozer action in Delhi's Jahangirpuri has now spilled over to different parts of the country. The violence that ensued in Nuh, Haryana, due to a clash between two religious groups in 2023, ended with the local administration demolishing a number of homes in the neighbourhood.

Communal riots in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone also resulted in the demolition of houses and businesses owned by Muslims who were deemed to be 'alleged rioters'. Quick instinctive action against those perceived to be at odds with the law has emerged as a dangerous pattern of state-driven oppression. In each of these cases, the demolition is justified under municipal laws either on account of action against encroachment or under the pretext of unauthorised construction. The due process envisaged under various judgments of the Supreme Court and High Courts, including *Sudama Singh & Ors. vs Government of Delhi* and *Ajay Maken & Ors vs Union of India* are completely bypassed.

This 'tough on crime' or 'eye for an eye' approach has escalated to become a political brand for several State governments. Treating demolitions as a fair response to the destruction of public infrastructure undermines existing processes envisaged under criminal laws and constitutes a gross violation of fundamental rights. In the course of devising guidelines for such extra-legal demolitions, the Supreme Court must impose a complete moratorium on the punitive demolition of establishments. In other legitimate instances of demolition, the guidelines should prescribe a strict tripartite procedure to ensure that those at the receiving end are not rendered helpless without any recourse.

Due process in legitimate demolitions

The issue of displacement of persons for varied reasons has for long been a cause of concern. While the United Nations Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement, 2019, prescribe directives to address this issue from a humanitarian perspective, multiple court cases in the higher judiciary have dealt with demolition issues in a piecemeal manner over the years. Albeit helpful, these scattered efforts to address the issue have culminated in a myopic view of the problem, leading to temporary solutions. The current task of the Supreme Court – i.e., formulating pan-India guidelines – must look at the issue through a multidimensional lens.

The cardinal rule is that demolitions must be carried out only in exceptional circumstances, and according to the due process established under law. The law must then accurately classify not only the types of buildings or constructions that can be brought down by state actions but also the surrounding circumstances that need to be assessed before any action is taken. The assessment of the surrounding circumstances must strike a balance between state action and the right to adequate housing and resettlement while bearing in mind that such violations have come to be systemic. There is also a need to analyse data on demolitions that have taken place over the last few years to identify clear patterns and better understand the existing gaps and deficiencies in the process.

Once broader subject-matter-based issues have been addressed, an analysis should be done for procedural steps that can be incorporated into the relevant legislation and rules. The procedural guidelines should be structured in a phased manner, to add multiple checkboxes at each stage which need to be ticked before any adverse or irreversible step is taken.

In the first phase, i.e., pre-demolition, the burden of proof to show cause should be shifted from the affected person and placed on the authority to show why no other option other than demolition and displacement of affected persons is needed for public good and how the relevant human rights are being protected in the process. A reasoned notice for demolition, including information about land records and resettlement plans, should be widely publicised, giving ample time for those concerned to analyse the situation, seek legal advice and respond to the show-cause notice. An independent committee, appointed by the State government, including judicial and civil society representatives, should review the proposed demolition (particularly when a large number of houses in a neighbourhood are proposed to be demolished) and provide technical assistance to the affected parties about their rights and options. Affected persons must be engaged in discussions about alternative housing options and compensation. During this phase, the needs of vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and disabled persons should be addressed. A minimum period of a month should be provided between the intimation of notice to demolish and its execution, allowing affected individuals time to retrieve their belongings.

In the second phase, i.e., during the demolition, the use of physical force should be minimised in the eviction process and the use of heavy machinery such as bulldozers should be avoided. There should be a requirement for the presence of government officials who are not a part of the authority demolishing the construction. The time for the demolition should be pre-decided and surprise demolitions should be cause for punitive action against the authority.

As a part of the third phase, i.e., rehabilitation, adequate and proper temporary or permanent rehabilitation should be provided to the persons concerned to ensure that they are not left homeless. A speedy grievance redress mechanism needs to be established under every law that allows for demolition to afford the affected persons a chance to challenge the decisions that may have been taken at any stage. Remedies such as compensation, restitutions and return to the original home must be carved out within the law.

Affixing personal liability

While the demolitions carried out across different parts of India reflect varied patterns, the golden thread that runs through all such instances is the lack of due process and blatant disregard for directives issued by the judiciary in the past. Municipal laws, which empower authorities to carry out such demolitions, usually provide complete impunity to officials under the 'good faith' clauses housed under such laws. Such clauses prevent the initiation of judicial action against those who unscrupulously carry out demolitions. While laying down pan-India guidelines is most definitely a welcome step, sensitisation of law enforcement personnel to follow existing directives on the subject matter is the need of the hour. Simultaneously, avenues to affix personal liability on those who order such forced evictions and demolitions should be explored to ensure that there are checks and balances in the powers wielded by officials.

The views expressed are personal

Health care using AI is bold, but much caution first

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India cannot jump into AI-driven health care without first addressing the foundational issues within its health system

News about the possibility of a "free AI powered primary-care physician for every Indian, available 24/7" within the next five years is ambitious. It raises critical questions about feasibility, sustainability, and the readiness of India to tackle such enormous undertakings.

Primary health care (PHC) ensures the right to the highest attainable level of health by bringing integrated services closer to communities. It addresses health needs, tackles broader health determinants through multisectoral action, and empowers individuals to manage their health. We risk undermining this fundamental aspect of PHC by relying on Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it is impersonal, making people passive recipients of care rather than active participants.

AI excels in processing and automating repetitive tasks but lacks characteristics of human intelligence such as understanding the physical world, retrieving complex information, maintaining persistent memory, and engaging in reasoning and planning. These are all fundamental to medicine, where understanding the nuances of a patient's condition goes beyond pattern recognition.

Delivering health care demands a human-centric approach of empathy and cultural understanding. Consciousness – the awareness and understanding of the real-world environment – underpins human decision-making, distinguishing human intelligence from AI. AI cannot replicate the moral and ethical reasoning that comes from conscious experience. Unlike other domains, health-care data is scattered, incomplete and often inaccessible for AI training, making it difficult to train a model.

Data, models and issues

Naegele's rule from obstetrics, which has been in use for over 200 years, can be used to highlight the challenges in health care. It is based on 18th century reproductive habits of European women, which may not be applicable today. This method is used to predict the birth date of a child during pregnancy. It relies solely on the length of the last menstrual cycle and has a 4% accuracy. It fails to account for critical factors such as maternal age, parity, nutrition, height, race, and uterus type, which are essential for accurate prediction. Developing a better predictive model than Naegele's rule requires vast amounts of personal data, which belong rightfully to patients. This illustrates the inherent paradox in AI development in health care – the need for extensive data collection to improve accuracy is at odds with privacy and ethical concerns.

The costs involved in establishing infrastructure to capture, collect, and train this data are substantial. As reproductive health and fertility rates change over time, constant fine-tuning of AI models is necessary, leading to recurring expenses. Health-care data is complex and personal, making it difficult to standardise it across populations.

India's diversity complicates the issue further. This diversity means that data for AI models must be extensive and deeply contextualised, but generating such data requires access to personal and behavioural information.

AI's utility in health care

AI can play a crucial role in specific, well-defined tasks within health care, particularly through narrow intelligence, diffusion models and transformers. Narrow intelligence focuses on specialised tasks such as predicting hospital kitchen supply needs, managing biomedical waste, or optimising drug procurement. Diffusion models, which are adept at predicting patterns from complex datasets, can help screen histopathology slides or screen only a subset of the population using medical images.

Large Language Models (LLMs) and Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) are emerging as powerful tools in medical education and research writing. These can provide rapid access to medical knowledge, simulate patient interactions, and support the training of health-care professionals. By offering personalised learning experiences and simulating complex clinical scenarios, LLMs and LMMs can complement traditional medical education

A significant issue with AI in health care is the "black box" problem, where the decision-making processes of AI algorithms are not transparent or easily understood. This poses risks in health care, where understanding the rationale behind a diagnosis or treatment plan is critical. Health-care providers are left in the dark about how certain conclusions are reached, leading to a lack of trust and potential harm if the AI makes an incorrect or inappropriate recommendation.

Google DeepMind's AI mysterious algorithm defeating world-class players in the GO game (board game) can be celebrated. While such feats are acceptable for games, they raise concerns in real-life health-care decisions. The stakes are serious in human health, where the consequences of a mistake can be life-threatening.

India and the issue of AI governance

A recent petition in the Kenyan Parliament by content moderators against OpenAI's ChatGPT has highlighted the ethical complexities in AI development, revealing the exploitation of underpaid workers in training AI models. This raises concerns about the exploitation of vulnerable populations in AI training. It underscores the importance of safeguarding the interests of Indian patients because the data required to train the model legally belong to patients.

While population-level data generated by health systems can be useful, it is prone to ecological fallacy. India lacks comprehensive regulation or legislation addressing AI such as the European Union Artificial Intelligence Act, making it all the more critical. AI tools in health care must be developed and deployed with the core medical ethics of "Do No Harm".

AI-powered health care in India promises increased efficiency and reduced error rates. Advanced AI technologies require significant investments in research, data infrastructure, and continuous updates – costs that someone must bear. India cannot leapfrog into AI-driven health care without first addressing the foundational issues in its health system. The complexities of patient care, the need for high-quality data, and the ethical implications of AI demand a more measured approach.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eye drops and 'claim'

The rescinding of the nod given to a pharmaceutical firm in Mumbai to produce and supply 'eye drops', which it claims would obviate the necessity of using reading glasses, raises eyebrows (Page 1, "Drugs body recalls nod for eye drops over 'false' claims,: September 12).

The move by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation establishes the fact that the permission seems to have been given in haste. It owes the public a thorough explanation.

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Sitaram Yechury

In the passing of Sitaram Yechury, India has lost a tall political leader.

From a brilliant academic career to a political career spanning decades, he epitomised the fundamental essence of communism.

His speeches in Parliament shall go down as memorable events. As a student I did get an opportunity to listen to one of his speeches at Palayam junction in then Trivandrum and the views he expressed still ring in my ears.

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Is it time for India to introduce a Universal Basic Income?

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PARLEY

Due to the phenomenon of jobless growth, i.e., the rise in output and labour productivity without the commensurate growth in employment generation, several countries have mooted the idea of a universal basic income (UBI). This idea has gained traction, especially since the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s most recent World Employment and Social Outlook links the decrease in jobs growth and the increase in inequality to a surge in automation and the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Among the several suggestions on the ways to address this is a UBI. Is it time for India to introduce a UBI? N.R. Bhanumurthy and Arun Kumar discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Kunal Shankar.** Edited excerpts:

Professor Bhanumurthy, the ILO says 83% of the unemployed population in India are the youth. Given this grim scenario, it is time to introduce a UBI?

N.R. Bhanumurthy: We must understand the concept of UBI. It is universal and covers the basic needs of the people. In India, we actually have different forms of UBI. Perhaps we can call this a semi-UBI. In the last few years, various versions of a UBI have been implemented in India, such as cash transfer schemes for farmers and women. Many States have begun cash transfers even for unemployed youth. A type of basic income support need not be universal. So, in that context, I am not sure whether we can implement the pure concept of a UBI in India.

I think proponents of UBI make a distinction between social safety nets like the ones you point out and a base income regardless of employment status. Professor Arun Kumar, your response?

Arun Kumar: People have been talking about UBI since 2015. There are several factors responsible for this, but primarily, it is the lack of demand in the market. Demand contraction stunts growth. There is unemployment and because of it, people don't have adequate incomes. As a result, demand in the market contracts and the rate of growth begins to decline.

So, how do we generate demand? How do we generate incomes in the hands of people who don't have employment? That is where the idea of a UBI comes in, I think. I agree with Bhanu that goods or money is being given by the state to the people. That is semi-UBI. And that is where the problem lies. In capitalist philosophy, you pay for work done. You don't pay for work not done. So, in a sense, it is a failure of the capitalist system that it is unable to generate enough employment and incomes.

Construction workers in Bengaluru. MURALI KUMAR K.

In the 1980s, the World Bank had warned that several Indians would fall behind and suggested the creation of safety nets. This was tried in the mid-2000s in India with the right to employment, food, education, and so on. But the problem is, if you give money for no work, that doesn't give the person dignity. So, providing work is essential. Otherwise it will lead to alienation in society, because those who have incomes and those who don't will be divided and those who don't have incomes will be labelled as 'good for nothing'. There will also be political and social implications. So, I think we must generate enough employment. We can do this provided our policies are structured right.

The ILO report suggests that the reasons for slow growth in jobs creation lie in the surge in digital industries where the assembly line is not the shop floor, but software and applications, and the use of technologies such as AI. India's Finance Minister and the Chief Economic Adviser have emphasised that private industry should invest more in labour-intensive sectors. Is that really enough to generate the kind of mass employment required in India?

AK: The government needs to do more. If you look at the Budget, capital investment has gone up, but it is going into capital-intensive sectors. There have been cuts in real terms in labour-intensive sectors such as education and health and in the rural employment guarantee scheme, which generates a lot of employment. We have similar problems in rural development and agriculture. So, the government has to be more sensitive to generating employment by focusing on employment-generating sectors. The capital items that are being funded include the railway freight corridor, highway projects, and the power sector. These do not give much direct employment. Earlier projects in construction would generate employment, but now people work with bulldozers and cranes, employing 10 people instead of hundreds. So, while the efficiency of construction may go up, employment generation doesn't take place.

> We need to focus more on universal basic social safety nets. We are not there. Social safety nets are very skewed between States or even within States. So, I suggest that both the Central and State governments focus more on social safety net universalisation.
> **N.R. BHANUMURTHY**

You pointed out the ILO report. There is not only AI but a lot of automation taking place. Think about the banking sector, for instance. Its work has expanded enormously, but the staff strength has been cut to half because we don't need to go into the bank branch any longer. We can do all our banking work on our laptops and mobile phones.

If we look at the trade sector, too, which is the second biggest employer after agriculture in India, e-commerce has been growing exponentially in the last few years at the expense of neighbourhood stores.

Twenty years ago, people talked about jobless growth. Now, they talk about job-loss growth. People who are getting displaced are unable to find work elsewhere, so they have to generate work for themselves. And that is why there has been a growth in the self-employment sector at very low income levels.

The phenomenon that you just called as job-loss growth is what the proponents of UBI point to. Professor Bhanumurthy, your response?

NRB: As Professor Arun Kumar mentioned, the issue of unemployment in the recent period is a very serious issue, not only in Indian context, but globally. The government came up with the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana to provide housing. This will have a huge impact on the overall social safety net at the rural level. In fact, my study has shown that the rural housing scheme has had a huge multiplier impact on employment opportunities not only directly but indirectly as well, seen in the rise in demand for core sectors such as steel, cement, and electrical components. I think the government was very clear that its policies would focus more on providing employment opportunities in addition to growth. So, it is aware of this issue.

Where I don't agree with Professor Arun Kumar is yes, there is uneven distribution of incomes because of the kind of growth he described, but there has been growth in wages, though this is much smaller than the growth in profits. That is what the Economic Survey graph suggests. So, in that sense, some of us have been suggesting a re-look at the production-linked incentives schemes that the government announced that is being given for some parts of the manufacturing sector post-COVID-19.

In terms of AI leading to job loss... I don't think the ILO says there is job-loss growth or jobless growth. I think what it says is that going forward, there could be an impact on employment opportunities because of this. I am sure the labour market will adjust to those innovations. Right now, I think there is a mismatch between the skills demanded and the skills supplied.

Right, so you're suggesting an intervention in education to upgrade skills. Even so, jobs created in the fourth industrial revolution, to use Klaus Schwab's phrase, are either extremely well paying, or highly precarious, like gig work, leading to massive income inequality. Do we not need a UBI to bridge this gap?

NRB: Well, I think we need to be clear about whether India is ready for UBI. In my opinion, we need to focus more on universal basic social safety nets. We are not there. Social safety nets are very skewed between States or even within States. So, I suggest that the the Central and State governments focus more on social safety net universalisation.

AK: If the government raises more funds from direct taxes, it is possible to bridge this gap, because our direct tax to GDP ratio is only about 6.25%. Many developed countries have a much higher percentage. While we cannot compete with the developed countries, we can raise the direct tax to GDP ratio marginally at least. It is not that we can't do it, it is a question of the political will to do it.

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NOTEBOOK

Idyllic village, archaeological wonder, cesspool of inequality

A place can be many things at the same time

M. Kalyanaraman

My parents were raised in a village, so during my summer vacations, I would visit my ancestral village in the then undivided Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. In the eyes of a schoolboy from Chennai, Karungulam village, with its lush green fields of paddy and bananas, fresh air, and simple folk, was a peaceful retreat by the Tamirabarani river. That perception did not change much even after I became a journalist.

Many years later, when Tamil Nadu was gripped by drought and all the rivers barring Tamirabarani were bone dry, I sought to go to the pristine origins of Tamirabarani and describe it as it flowed. My local contact took me to the Kani tribes folk inside the Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve. But the medicine man of the village who said he knew the place of origin refused to take me there since the monsoon had started. It was too dangerous a climb, he said. The story ended up being about the rest of the river. The saving of tigers had led to the forest being saved and, in turn, the river too.

My contact asked me where my ancestors came from. I said it was a village by the same river but there was nothing noteworthy about it. He asked me the name. When I said Karungulam, his eyes rolled up in a sign of contempt for me, the ignorant city slicker. He said it was perhaps the most important archaeological site in the State, likely more significant than Keezhadi that had made a splash in the media.

Called Adhichanallur and with only a small, rusted Archaeological Survey of India signboard as a marker at that time, it had been excavated multiple times over more than 100 years. Carbon dating has since then proved that the Adhichanallur site, which falls in Karungulam panchayat, is 3,000 years old.

Besides being an archaeological wonder, Adhichanallur had figured in global scholarly discussions when the origins of humanity were unresolved. Until the out-of-Africa thesis was proved, anthropologists in many countries felt that the skeletons dug up at Adhichanallur could be that of the earliest of civilised human beings. The picture postcard village had been the site of an ancient civilisation, I realised.

During my visits to report for the two stories, I stayed at a room in a lodge in Karungulam since my ancestral house had become too old and was falling apart. A few months later, the same lodge amidst paddy fields flashed in front of my eyes in a darkened cinema hall in Chennai. It had become the location for a scene in the movie, *Pariyerum Perumal*. Some upper caste men sought to put a lower caste youth in his place by urinating upon him in that room.

Last year, during a visit to Karungulam, a villager told me that Mari Selvaraj, the director of *Pariyerum Perumal*, was shooting another film based on an accident that had happened many decades ago. A truck carrying the people of Puliyangulam, another village in Karungulam panchayat where Selvaraj was born and raised, had turned turtle and many had died, he said.

Newspapers had covered that tragedy in much detail. Going beyond the news, Selvaraj's *Vazhai* says the banana pickers of Puliyangulam had demanded double wages, which they got. Unwilling to cut down his profits, the contractor cut back on their transportation and was ferrying them, not in empty trucks but ones loaded with bananas.

On a fateful night, tragedy struck the overloaded truck. *Vazhai* portrays the accident as a climactic culmination of poverty and desperation that lies behind the apparent beauty of rural life.

From a simple idyllic village, Karungulam had become an archaeological wonder and later, a cesspool of inequality. But it was always all the three, and perhaps more.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Saving others, but first saving themselves

The staff of VPS Lakeshore Hospital in Kochi attend a karate training session at the premises of the hospital on Thursday. The hospital is offering training in martial arts to all its staff members to ensure their safety at the workplace in the wake of the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata. More than 100 women are expected to take part in the training sessions. THULASI KAKKAT

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 13, 1974

Acute scarcity in seven Bengal districts

Calcutta, Sept. 12: Seven out of West Bengal's 16 districts are now undergoing conditions of distress which are said to be the worst since the notorious war-time Bengal famine of 1943. These seven districts cover more than 45,000 square kilometres out of the State's total area of 87,600 square kilometres. The afflicted people of these districts number about 16 millions out of the State's population of 44 millions.

The affected districts are: Bankura, Midnapore, Purulia, Malda, West Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, and Cooch-Behar. The worst hit are the three western districts of Midnapore, Bankura and Purulia.

Midnapore is the third biggest district in the country with more than 35 lakh population, and an area of nearly 14,000 square kilometres.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 13, 1924

New hospital for Rangoon

Rangoon, Sept. 12: H.E. the Governor laid this evening the foundation stone of the new Dufferin Hospital, Rangoon. In doing so His Excellency said that to-day would mark an epoch in the history of Burma.

The old Hospital which had done useful essential work at great creditable voluntary effort was not equal to the demands upon the institution.

From Page One

Inflation under 4%, but vegetable prices up

The central bank had estimated an average inflation of 4.4% in the July-to-September quarter, but with the first two months averaging just 3.6%, that would mean an inflation pace of 6% in the ongoing month, which may be unlikely, economists said, even as they were divided on the prospects for near-term interest rate cuts.

"We anticipate a sharp pickup in the consumer price inflation to around 4.8% in September, and range between 4.4% and 4.7% in the second half of 2024-25," said ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar. She expressed wariness about the impact of above normal rainfall and the development of La Nina conditions, which could pose upside risks to the food inflation trajectory in the near term.

With India's GDP growth undershooting the RBI's estimate of 7.1% in the first quarter, Ms. Nayar said that a change in the monetary policy stance could not be entirely ruled out in October. However, Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis said that the earliest point for a policy shift may not arise before December, as the central bank will look for inflation to stay low on a durable basis. On a month-on-month basis, the CPI was flat in August, while the Consumer Food Price Index declined 0.44%.

Sitaram Yechury passes away at 72

Expressing condolences, President Droupadi Murmu said though he was a "committed ideologue, he won friends cutting across the party lines".

Left's leading light: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi too echoed the sentiment. Calling Mr. Yechury a leading light of the Left, Mr. Modi said he made a mark as an "effective Parliamentarian".

He is survived by his wife Seema Chishti, son Danish and daughter Akhila. His elder son, Ashish Yechury, died from COVID-19 complications in 2021. The body will be kept at the CPI(M) headquarters in Delhi between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on September 14 for the public to pay homage. The body will then be donated to the AIIMS for research as per his wishes.

Doctors refuse to meet CM without live telecast

Ms. Banerjee waited for about two hours at the Nabanna Sabhaghar, or Secretariat, and then left after addressing presspersons. "I tried my best to sit with junior doctors. I waited three days with my highest officials," the Chief Minister said.

She said she would not use her power under the Essential Services Maintenance Act to force the protesting doctors to end their strike, but instead appealed to the junior doctors to resume work. She noted that 27 people had died over the past month, out of the seven lakh patients who had been denied treatment due to the strike. Claiming that those protesting do not want justice, but "want her chair", she said she would not hesitate to resign if it was in the interest of the people.

Seeking transparency

The doctors said live streaming the meeting would help ensure transparency. "We have not made any unjustified demand. The demand of live streaming was for maintaining transparency. If there can be multiple press conferences on the incident, what was the issue with live streaming," asked one of the protesting doctors, adding that the CM's remark that protesters "want her chair" was unfortunate.

The doctors have been on strike since August 9 when the body of the trainee doctor was found.

Dhankhar targets Rahul Gandhi over remarks in U.S

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In an apparent criticism of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi over his statements in the U.S., Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday said every Indian abroad should be an ambassador of the nation and nothing could be more condemnable than one joining forces with the enemies of the nation.

Mr. Gandhi's statements on the Sikh community and the issue of reservation, his criticism of the RSS, meetings with U.S. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and Bangladeshi journalist Mushfiqul Fazal, and the support he got from Gurpatwant Singh Pannun have triggered sharp reactions from the BJP and the Centre.

"I am pained and disturbed that some people in position have just no idea of Bharat. They have no idea of Constitution, no idea of our national interest. I am sure your heart must be bleeding at what you see. If we are true Bhartiyas, if we believe in our nation, we will never side with the enemies of the nation, " Mr. Dhankhar said.

Manipur govt. lifts Internet ban partially in five districts

Mobile data services continue to be suspended; students' group urges Modi to break his silence and visit the State; miscreants torch healthcare centre in Jiribam; curfew on in three districts

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Manipur government on Thursday conditionally withdrew the ban on broadband Internet services from five districts of a relatively calm Imphal Valley, but violence returned to Jiribam district bordering Assam.

The Home Department, in an order, said broadband services had been restored as the Internet ban affected offices and institutions, people working from home, health facilities, refuelling centres, and other online-based citizen-centric services.

Internet services were suspended in Imphal East, Imphal West, Kakching, Thoubal, and Bishnupur – five districts comprising the Imphal Valley almost at the centre of Manipur – on September 10 after protests by students had turned violent. The protesters demanded resolution of the ongoing ethnic violence apart from the resignation of the State's security adviser, Kuldiep Singh, and Director-General of Police (DGP) Rajiv Singh for failing to protect the lives and properties of the people.

Shops remained closed in the market areas of Imphal on Thursday as an uneasy calm prevailed after the recent violence. PTI

Mobile Internet services, however, continued to be suspended. The indefinite curfew in three districts – Imphal East, Imphal West, and Thoubal – imposed on Tuesday continued to be in force too.

The Manipur Police said 33 people had been arrested and seven juveniles apprehended over the violent protests in the past few days. "Necessary legal proceedings will be taken up against them," an officer said. While the Imphal Valley was more or less calm, the action shifted to Jiribam district with miscreants torching a primary health centre early on Thursday morning. Nobody was at the healthcare centre when the incident happened.

There were reports of a gunfight in the same district but the details were not available.

Meanwhile, the North East Students' Organisation (NESO) urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Manipur to assess the ground situation personally and provide security to people, especially women and children, from both warring communities.

"The situation in Manipur is dire, and it demands immediate attention from the highest levels of government. The failure to address the conflict not only undermines the stability of Manipur but also poses a threat to the broader peace and security of the entire Northeast region," the NESO said in a statement, urging the Prime Minister to break his silence on the situation in the BJP-ruled State.

Stating that the people of Manipur want concrete actions to resolve the conflict, the NESO sought the constitution of a high-level peace committee involving representatives from all communities to facilitate a lasting and peaceful resolution.

"The escalation of violence, including reports of drone and missile strikes, has further exacerbated the already fragile situation. Such tactics not only intensify the devastation but also deepen the divide between communities, making the prospect of peace even more elusive," the umbrella organisation of various students' bodies of the northeastern States said.

Will not share platform with Mamata, says Governor

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose on Thursday announced a social boycott of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for the government's inaction in "giving justice to people and open violation of constitutional proprieties".

The Raj Bhavan said the Governor will not share any public platform with the Chief Minister. The Governor will also take proactive steps against Ms. Banerjee for violating constitutional provisions.

CBI questions MLA

The CBI on Thursday questioned Trinamool Congress MLA Sudipto Roy in connection with the rape and murder of a doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

Dr. Roy, who is president of the West Bengal Medical Council and holds charge of the R.G. Kar Patient's Welfare Committee, was questioned at his residence in north Kolkata.

The MLA from Srirampur said he cooperated with the officials. The CBI searched Dr. Roy's house and his nursing home for more than 90 minutes.

India, China discuss resumption of flight services

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Chinese delegation met Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu and discussed the resumption of flights between the two countries after a gap of more than four years.

Mr. Naidu posted about a meeting held on the sidelines of the second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Aviation. However, the posts from his X handle and the Ministry's official handle were later deleted. The conference was held on Wednesday and Thursday.

"This morning..., I had a courtesy meeting with the Chinese delegation led by Mr. Song Zhiyong to exchange views regarding strengthening civil aviation cooperation between the two countries, especially promoting the early resumption of passenger flights between us," read the post on X by Mr. Naidu that was later removed.

PM's visit to CJI's house for Ganesh puja sparks row

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud's residence on Wednesday, where he participated in Ganesh puja , has triggered a political war of words.

The Opposition said the visit had compromised the constitutionally mandated separation between the judiciary and the executive, but the BJP hit back, terming the criticism hatred for Hinduism.

Shiv Sena UBT leader and MP Sanjay Raut slammed the Prime Minister, linking his visit to the delay in the hearing of some key cases and to the allegedly selective *suo motu* actions of the top court.

"Our case of Maharashtra – the hearing is going on before Chief Justice Chandrachud, so we have doubt if we will get justice because PM is the other party in the case. Will Chief Justice Chandrachud be able to give us justice in such a situation? We are getting dates after dates and an illegal government is going on functioning here," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at CJI D.Y. Chandrachud's house on Wednesday. PTI

'Shameful attack'

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who is a Lok Sabha MP from Mumbai, countered Mr. Raut's criticism. In a statement, he "strongly condemn[ed] the Opposition leaders for their shameful attack on Hindu sentiments and our festivals, which we proudly celebrate".

"Lokmanya Tilak *ji* had started *saarvajanik* (public) Ganesh Utsav in 1893 to bring together all nationalists to fight in the freedom struggle. Indians, every Maharashtrian, proudly celebrates Ganesh Utsav; some families for over 100 years have been inviting their friends and well-wishers to join in the prayers for removing *vighna* (obstacles) from their life and bringing *sukh* (happiness). The Opposition's myopic vision is obsessed with appeasement politics and their hatred towards Hindus is once more out in the open. The people of India will never forgive the Opposition for attacking high constitutional authorities like the PM and CJI for performing Ganesh puja," he said.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also termed the Opposition reaction "hatred against Hindutva". He said former Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan had gone to the then-PM's residence for an Iftar party, and that nobody had objected at that time.

A 16-point document on judicial values was adopted by SC in 1997

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The observations in public fora and within the legal fraternity about the propriety of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's videographed visit to the residence of Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud to participate in Ganesh puja are grounded in a 16-point document on judicial values adopted in a Full Court Meeting of the Supreme Court on May 7, 1997.

The document called the "Restatement of Values of Judicial Life" is an illustrative, and not exhaustive, guide of what is expected of Supreme Court and High Court judges.

"The behaviour and conduct of members of the higher judiciary must reaffirm the people's faith in the impartiality of the judiciary. Accordingly, any act of a judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court, whether in official or personal capacity, which erodes the credibility of this perception has to be avoided," the very first tenet of the document reads.

It recommends a judge to practice "a degree of aloofness consistent with the dignity of his office".

"Every judge must at all times be conscious that he is under the public gaze and there should be no act or omission by him which is unbecoming of the high office he occupies and the public esteem in which that office is held," the document cautions.

The Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Reforms, of which advocate Prashant Bhushan is an office-bearer, said the established practices of judicial conduct place an emphasis on maintaining public confidence through probity in the interaction between high constitutional functionaries.

"As then CJI M.N. Venkatachaliah put it to former Prime Minister Narasimha Rao, the relationship between the judiciary and executive has to be correct, not cordial, and cordiality between court and government has no place in our constitutional scheme of checks and balances. The judiciary... must be seen as entirely independent from the Executive branch," the statement said.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the Chief Justice of India was a man of great integrity. "The issue is not the individual; the issue is what such a video clip has on the minds of the people... If there is gossip around it, it is not fair on the institution. You should not lend yourself to a situation, to be in a situation where people can gossip about the institution and start speculating. My religion and my way of expressing in the context of my beliefs is a private matter," he said.

Five States seek fair share of taxes, cap on cess and surcharge

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A conclave of Finance Ministers of five States ruled by BJP rivals, organised here on Thursday by the Kerala government as the 16th Finance Commission has started its work, expressed concern over the growing imbalance in Centre-State fiscal relations. It demanded a fair and equitable division of resources among the States, capping of the cesses and surcharges collected by the Centre and an end to "penalising" of States that perform well.

The Ministers demanded a raise in the States' share in the divisible pool from 41% to 50% and a reduction in the number of "one-size-fits-all" Centrally sponsored schemes. They suggested that the cesses and surcharges be capped so that anything above the limit gets routed to the divisible pool. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the Finance Commission should factor in the rising trend in surcharges and cesses when drafting its recommendations. "In the last decade, the surcharges and cesses have shown a rising trend and now comprise around one-fifth of the Gross Tax Revenue of the Union. Its direct consequence is the shrinkage of the divisible pool of taxes," he said.

Sixth edition of *The Hindu businessline* Changemaker Awards to be held today

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The sixth edition of *The Hindu businessline* Changemaker Awards, which celebrates individuals and organisations that have brought change in society, will be held in New Delhi on Friday.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will give away the awards.

The awards will be given across six categories: Social Transformation, Digital Transformation, Financial Transformation, Young Changemaker, Iconic Changemaker, and Changemaker of the Year. There is a new category this year called the Chairperson's Award. This award is not part of the jury process that other awards have gone through and is given to an achiever in the field of education.

Over 950 nominations were received from the public and readers. They were evaluated by *The Hindu businessline* along with knowledge partners Deloitte and Ashoka. The shortlisted nominations were then independently validated by Niiti Consulting, the validation partner.

The winners from among the validated nominees were chosen by an independent jury headed by R. Seshasayee, chairman, Asian Paints. Other members of the jury were Lakshmi Narayanan, former vice-chairman, Cognizant; Suchitra Ella, co-founder and managing director, Bharat Biotech International; N.S. Nappinai, senior advocate, Supreme Court; Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu; Poonam Natarajan, founder, Vidyasagar; and Jayen Mehta, managing director, GCMMF.

The Hindu businessline Changemaker Awards are presented by SASTRA University as the presenting partner and powered by SBI (State Bank of India). The event is also supported by associate partners: LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India), J&K Bank, NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation), Union Bank of India, NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation), ESSAR, Punjab & Sind Bank, Swelect Energy, and Indian Bank. Casagrand is the realty partner, while Fortinet is the cybersecurity partner. NDTV 24x7 is the TV partner. Anand Prakash is the gift partner.

The awards ceremony can be viewed live from 5.30 p.m. on *thbl.news/BCLM2024LS*

APPEAL

Master Mohammad Arhan son of Mohammed Irshad 7 years admitted in Christian Medical College is diagnosed to have Thalassemia Major. This is a type of life-threatening blood disorder. The best option for him would be to undergo allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplant (PBSCT). The estimated cost of PBSCT at this hospital is approximately **Rs. 15,00,000**/-.

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Left leader who could juggle multiple identities with elan

Marxist, political strategist, polyglot who could speak in the language of the person on the street, Sitaram Yechury played many parts and he could not be tied down to any one label; he revelled in bringing disparate ideological strands together

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

SITARAM YECHURY: 1952-2024

Sitaram Yechury, 72, CPI(M) general secretary who passed away on Thursday, straddled many identities. He was a Marxist, a polyglot who was at ease in highbrow academic circles but could very well explain the same theories in the plainest of language to the person on the street, he spoke multiple tongues, he was a strategist who revelled in bringing disparate ideological strands together. He was many things and he could not be tied down to any one label.

He was born on August 12, 1952 into a Telugu-speaking family in Chennai. His father was an engineer in the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation and his mother a government servant. He grew up in Hyderabad till the Telangana agitation of 1969 brought him to Delhi.

A gold medallist in economics, Mr. Yechury graduated from St. Stephen's College, Delhi. He chose the newly established Jawaharlal Nehru University over the Delhi School of Economics for his Master's – a choice that steered his career in an entirely different direction. He was drawn to the irreverent academic atmosphere of the new university where the faculty addressed the students by their first names and expected the students to address them by theirs. In an interview to *The Hindu* in 2020, he recalled, "In my entrance interview, there were three very senior professors. Suddenly one of them asked, 'Do you smoke?' I said, 'Yes.' So he said, 'Then light one up.'"

It was here that his political career began. He made a name for himself as the JNU Students Union President for forcing Indira Gandhi to resign as the Chancellor of the university. The students refused to allow the then Vice-Chancellor, B.D. Nag Chaudhary, to enter the campus. The government, in response, issued orders to close the university. But the students and the faculty together ensured that the university continued to function as usual. The library was open 24 hours, all classes were held and the mess was running. This went on for some 40 days.

"There was a shortage of money. I remember, we sent out students to the Sarojini Nagar market and Connaught Place with placards around their necks which read, 'University is functioning, the V-C is on strike', to collect money to run the university," he recalled in the interview.

An ardent advocate of coalition politics, he was a key agent in bringing the Opposition together

Indira Gandhi, even after her defeat in the Lok Sabha election, had been holding on to her post as Chancellor. The students led by him marched to her house demanding her resignation.

"There were 500 of us. Her aide told us that only five of us can go in to meet her. But when we insisted, she herself came out. We read out our resolution against her which was full of litanies, but she heard stoically. I handed over the resolution to her and she took it politely too. Couple of days later, she resigned," he said.

This incident was recorded in the famous photograph of Indira Gandhi standing stoically next to a dishevelled Yechury holding a resolution and surrounded by students.

He, along with Prakash Karat, was instrumental in making the JNU an impregnable Left bastion.

During his nearly five-decade political career, he broke several conventions, first of which was to become the president of the Students' Federation of India. All the presidents till then had come from Kerala or Bengal; he belonged to neither.

He had never headed a district or State unit of the party. Yet, he became a member of the Central Committee at 32 and of the Polit Bureau at 40. In 1984 when he was picked up for Central Committee, he himself was unsure, but the then general secretary, E.M.S. Namboodiripad, was certain about his capabilities. He was elected to the first of his three terms as party general secretary in 2015.

Astute parliamentarian

He had been a member of the Rajya Sabha from 2005 to 2017. The party declined to give him a third term, citing the internal cap set by it. He was an astute parliamentarian, whose sharp political speeches were punctuated with humour and wit. In 2015, he got the Opposition to come together to pass an amendment to the President's Speech, the fourth such instance then.

Mr. Yechury, an ardent advocate of coalition politics, took on the role played by his mentor and former CPI(M) general secretary Harkishan Surjeet. He worked on the Common Minimum Programme for the United Front government in 1996 and for the United Progressive Alliance governments in 2004 and 2009. And he was also a key agent in bringing the Opposition parties together, ahead of the Lok Sabha election in 2019 and formation of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance in 2023. The one-time student leader who confronted Indira Gandhi was close to her daughter-in-law Sonia Gandhi and grandson Rahul Gandhi.

As the general secretary of the party, Mr. Yechury brought in the same coalition spirit to steer the party into striking an electoral understanding with the Congress in West Bengal. Here again, he was breaking another significant convention. The CPI(M) was stridently anti-Congress, and while the CPI extended support to India's grand old party during the Emergency, the CPI(M) remained its strongest critic.

Ahead of the Party Congress in 2018, Mr. Yechury in October 2017, invoking Leon Trotsky's words "March separately but strike together", underlined the necessity of pooling of all anti-BJP votes. In other words, it meant an electoral understanding with parties such as the Congress.

Marxist-Leninist, critic of identity-based politics

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Comrades of a movement: Prakash Karat and Sitaram Yechury at an 'Anti-Imperialist Day' function in New Delhi in 2006. PTI

Though Sitaram Yechury was known in political circles as a flexible politician who can stitch impossible alliances for a common cause, within the CPI(M), he was always seen as someone who adhered to the Marxist-Leninist principles of the organisation and its politics. Well-versed in political economy as a student of economics, he chose issues based on economy, livelihood and social realities to make sure that his and his party's voices were heard in the public sphere even when the electoral performance of the party was abysmal.

An anti-imperialist to the core, Mr. Yechury had political beliefs influenced by Marxist doyens such as P Sundaraiah, M. Basavapunnaiah and E.M.S. Namboodiripad, who were also leaders of anti-colonial and anti-imperialist movements in the country. Mr. Yechury always scoffed at any external influences in national politics which he termed "NGO-isation" of politics. As an MP, he argued that corporate houses and NGOs must be brought within the ambit of the Lokpal.

"The CPI(M) has consistently been against imperialist backed foreign-funded NGOs and the associated motives of such NGOs in advancing imperialist agendas on the one hand and in seeking to disrupt the growing democratic progressive mass movements on the other. This struggle against the NGOisation of the mass protest movements is a continuous struggle that the CPI(M) is engaged in," he said in the World Social Forum in 2004.

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> **SITARAM YECHURY**
> at World Social Forum in 2004

He was also an ardent critic of identity-based political groupings.

"While appealing only to the caste consciousness and ignoring, if not evading, the basic issue of the struggle against the existing agrarian order, these leaders once again are appealing for a change in the superstructure without affecting the base. In doing so, they treat this growing consciousness amongst the Dalits and the backward caste as separate compartments, as vote banks, for their political fortunes rather than addressing themselves for a genuine solution of the problem," he said.

He was one of the key architects of the document, "On Certain Ideological Issues", that helped the CPI (M) to take a stronger position in 1992, even when a number of Communist parties around the world collapsed along with the USSR. The document self-critically examined the CPI (M)'s positions on international developments.

"Capitalism has to be overthrown. An erroneous understanding only blunts the need to constantly sharpen and strengthen the revolutionary ideological struggle of the working class and its decisive intervention under the leadership of a party wedded to Marxism-Leninism – the subjective factor without which no revolutionary transformation is possible," it said. It was Mr. Yechury, who presented the document before the 14th Congress of the CPI(M) in Chennai in 1992. He was elected to the Polit Bureau of the party in that Congress.

Later in 2014, he suggested amendments to the political tactical line of the CPI(M), just ahead of the 21st Party Congress in Vishakhapatnam.

The meeting elected him general secretary of the party and he famously termed it the Party Congress of the future.

Tributes pour in from across the aisle for Sitaram Yechury

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NEW DELHI

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi said he had contributed enormously to help form the INDIA bloc

Tributes poured in for CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, who passed away on Thursday, from friends, admirers and opponents. While Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi called him "protector of the idea of India", an arch political rival, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, mourned him, saying his death is a loss for national politics.

Friends mourned the void left behind by him. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party, recalled her friendship with Mr. Yechury which began in 2004 at a time when the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) was formed.

"He was uncompromising in his commitment to the values of our country's Constitution embodied so very forcefully in its Preamble. He was fierce in his determination to protect India's diversity and was a powerful champion of secularism," Ms. Gandhi said. She credited him for contributing enormously to the emergence of the INDIA group in the run-up to the recent Lok Sabha election.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in a letter expressing condolence to Mr. Yechury's wife Seema Chishti, wrote: "Mr. Yechury's contributions to the nation and his steadfast dedication to the betterment of society have left an indelible mark. His leadership and service will remain a source of inspiration for generations to come."

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said the Left movement and Indian politics had lost a towering figure. "His dedication to the cause of the working class, secularism, social justice, equality, and progressive values shaped a distinguished career that will continue to inspire future generations," Mr. Stalin said.

CPI general secretary D. Raja, who had a long association with Mr. Yechury going back to their student movement days and concomitant Rajya Sabha terms, said Mr. Yechury was a "lucid writer, able parliamentarian and a capable leader".

"Democratic socialism has lost its most ardent champion and secularism its most passionate voice," former Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi said. "To a friend of friends with a heart of gold I offer farewell in utter and disconsolate grief," Mr. Gandhi said.

BJP leader and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in a post on X, called Mr. Yechury a friend with whom he had several interactions. "In his long years in public life, he distinguished himself as a seasoned parliamentarian who was known for his knowledge and articulation," he said.

Kashmir issue, not elections, our priority, says Engineer Rashid

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Lok Sabha member Engineer Rashid, who was released on bail from Tihar Jail, addressing a rally in Baramulla on Thursday. IMRAN NISSAR

Sheikh Abdul Rashid, aka Engineer Rashid, MP and Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) chief, on Thursday said "the Kashmir issue and not elections is his party's top agenda", as he addressed his first public rally in north Kashmir's Delina after his release from Tihar Jail a day ago.

Kissing the ground after his arrival at the Srinagar airport, Mr. Rashid, who has been allowed to campaign for 22 days, headed for his stronghold of north Kashmir and addressed his supporters at Baramulla's Delina area. Setting the tone for the election campaign for his party, Mr. Rashid said, "I am not an enemy of India nor an agent of Pakistan. I am an agent of my conscience. What Prime Minister Narendra Modi did on August 5, 2019 was undemocratic and unconstitutional."

Terming "peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue" his top priority, Mr. Rashid said his struggle was not merely about Article 370 but "the Kashmir issue".

"A peaceful resolution is for the interests of the region. If Prime Minister Modi has a better solution, we are ready to discuss it. There is Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Kashmir is up to Gilgit-Baltistan," Mr. Rashid said.

Fielding candidates from over 25 seats in Kashmir, Mr. Rashid said if the party managed to win 40 seats in the Assembly election, he, along with the elected members, would sit outside the Prime Minister's residence in New Delhi and "seek restoration of Article 370". "Mahatma Gandhi too achieved many things by non-violent methods," he added.

Targeting the leadership of the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP, especially Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, the MP from Baramulla accused the Peoples Alliance of the Gupkar Declaration of always ignoring the AIP from its meetings.

Going it alone: Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda at a public meeting in Ladwa on Thursday. ANI

'Congress-AAP talks in Haryana failed due to seat choice conflict'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Differences over the choice of seats led to the collapse of Congress-Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) alliance talks in Haryana, a senior Congress leader said on Thursday.

The Congress source cited above said the AAP's insistence on deciding which seats it would like to contest was the tipping point. When the talks had first started, the AAP demanded 10 to 12 seats as part of the alliance, while the Congress was not willing to concede more than half a dozen seats.

After several rounds of negotiations, the AAP displayed flexibility on the number of seats but did not want to take any of the six seats that the Congress was willing to offer, said the source. The party wanted seats such as Jind and Pehowa which the Congress was not willing to concede. The Congress finally named the candidates for these seats late on Wednesday night.

The Congress argued that AAP did not have much ground presence on most of the Assembly constituencies and was way below the BJP and the Congress in terms of vote share. "Though they have pockets of support, they are not yet a major political force across Haryana," said the source.

The Congress had initiated talks with the AAP in Haryana at party leader Rahul Gandhi's prodding despite reservation from State leaders, including former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

In an earlier interview to *The Hindu*, Mr. Hooda said that the Congress on its own was capable of taking on and defeating the BJP.

However, Mr. Gandhi was keen that INDIA bloc partners should contest in alliance in as many States as possible. Talks with the AAP started soon after Mr. Gandhi broached the issue in the first meeting of the party's central election authority that had met to finalise candidates.

"It is because of this background [Rahul Gandhi's initiative] that we didn't issue any public statement even after AAP unilaterally announced its first list of 20 candidates," the source said.

Lone files papers from Handwara and Kupwara

Press Trust of India
SRINAGAR

People's Conference president Sajad Lone on Thursday filed nomination papers for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election from the twin seats of Handwara and Kupwara.

Mr. Lone, the separatist-turned-mainstream politician, has represented Handwara Assembly seat in the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

Former Haryana Cong. MLAs enter fray as Independents

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

With the Congress in Haryana declaring a majority of its candidates just hours before the nomination deadline, in a bid to prevent possible rebellion, the party is still facing rebels in nearly half a dozen Assembly constituencies, which could dent its ambition of regaining power in the State.

The Congress, which is contesting in 89 of the 90 Assembly constituencies, declared the names of 48 candidates late on Wednesday night and Thursday, which was the last date for submitting nomination papers.

The attempt, party insiders say, was to stop the leaders, who did not get ticket, from joining other parties or contesting as Independents.

Miffed over being denied ticket, some Congress leaders, including former MLAs and a Minister on Thursday filed their nominations as Independents.

Former Minister Sampat Singh filed his nomination as an Independent from Nalwa Assembly constituency.

From Panipat (Urban), former MLA Rohita Rewri has filed her nomination, entering the fray as a rebel. Former MLA Sharda Rathore has also entered the fray from Ballabhgarh.

Former MLA Lalit Nagar filed his nomination from the Tigaon Assembly segment after he was denied the party candidature. Also, former MLA Ram Kishan (Fauji) filed his nomination as an Independent from Bawani Khera.

INBRIEF

GETTY IMAGES

DGCA to conduct safety audit of all flying schools in country

Nearly a month after a two-seater plane of a Jamshedpur-based flying school crashed into a dam, killing an instructor and a trainee pilot, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered a special safety audit of all 33 flying schools in India. "This audit aims to thoroughly assess the safety standards, operational procedures, and systemic deficiencies within flying training organisations to ensure the highest levels of safety and compliance," the DGCA said in a press statement. The DGCA aims to cover 11 flying schools in September. The last such special audit was conducted in 2022.

Bangladesh should sit down with Adani Group: Centre

Bangladesh should "sit down" with the Adani Group and "sort out" the problems that they may have with the group, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday. "What you are referring to is a private project. It is bound by a buyer-seller agreement between two parties. One party happens to be an Indian party and the other party happens to be the Bangladeshi party. It is for both these parties to determine what do they want out of this agreement or arrangement," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Doval meets Putin, Wang in dual diplomatic mission

NSA briefs Russian President on Modi's visit to Ukraine; in talks with Chinese Foreign Minister, both sides agreed to work with urgency and redouble their efforts to realise disengagement at LAC

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

On a day marked by high-level diplomacy, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese Foreign Minister and Special Representative Wang Yi on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs meeting in Saint Petersburg on Thursday. He discussed the way forward on the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the military disengagement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China with "urgency", with them, respectively.

Mr. Doval began his meeting with the Russian President by telling him about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kyiv and the meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on August 23. The talks are significant as calls have increased from other countries in Europe calling for India to step up efforts at a peace process. Mr. Modi and Mr. Zelenskyy will be in New York for the UN Summit of the Future later this month, and officials said the leaders could hold another meeting there.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi greets National Security Adviser Ajit Doval during the BRICS meet on Thursday. AFP

"Prime Minister [Modi] wanted me to come specially and personally to brief you about the talks [held in Ukraine]. The talks were held in a very closed format... and I was one of the [officials] attending the meeting," Mr. Doval said, in comments that were broadcast on official media, also confirming that Mr. Modi will attend the BRICS summit to be held in Kazan on October 22-24.

Mr. Putin "stressed the importance of security issues in bilateral relations", an official readout from the Kremlin said, adding that the Russian President thanked India for "maintaining dialogue in this area".

Mr. Putin also proposed a bilateral meeting with Mr. Modi on October 22, on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Doval attended the BRICS NSA meeting that was addressed by Mr. Putin, at the Konstantinovsky Palace in St. Petersburg, and met China's top diplomat and senior Chinese Communist party Politburo member Wang Yi. The resolution of the four-year military stand-off at the LAC was at the top of the agenda during the meeting, which follows a number of India-China engagements in quick succession.

While neither side confirmed this, the Doval-Wang meeting is also understood to have discussed the possibility of a meeting between Mr. Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Kazan next month.

"Both sides agreed to work with urgency and redouble their efforts to realize complete disengagement in the remaining areas. NSA conveyed that peace and tranquillity in borders areas and respect for LAC are essential for normalcy in bilateral relations," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement following the meeting.

"The two sides agreed that the India-China bilateral relationship is significant not just for the two countries but also for the region and the world."

'Alleged involvement in crime not a reason to bulldoze property'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said the allleged involvement of a person in a crime is not a ground for the demolition of his or her property.

A Bench headed by Justice Hrishikesh Roy told the government that the courts would not remain "oblivious to such demolition threats inconceivable in a nation where the law is supreme".

"Otherwise such actions may be seen as running a bulldozer over the laws of the land," the three-judge Bench, including Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and SVN Bhatti, emphasised.

The order followed an urgent plea by Javed Ali, represented by senior advocate Iqbal Syed, that his family home at Kathlal gram panchayat in Kheda district of Gujarat was under threat of demolition from municipal authorities. He said three generations of his family had been living in the house for over two decades.

Trouble came knocking on their door when an FIR was registered against a family member.

"The municipal authorities have threatened to bulldoze the petitioner's family home," the court quoted the lawyer's submission.

Counsel referred to the recent decision of the Supreme Court to frame a pan-India policy to protect private property against government bulldozers.

"A country where actions of the State are governed by the rule of law, the transgression by a family member cannot invite action against other members of the family or their legally constructed residence," Justice Roy's Bench made it clear.

The Supreme Court ordered status quo in respect of the petitioner's property to be maintained by the authorities.

U.P. govt. grants highest pay scale to Acting DGP, bypassing 12 IPS officers

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh government has granted the highest pay scale to Acting Director-General of Police (DGP) Prashant Kumar, bypassing at least 12 senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers above him in the hierarchy.

The apex pay scale is typically reserved for the head of the police force in a State. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled State has not had a full-time DGP since May 2022.

Despite multiple reminders sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the State has not formed a panel of senior officers eligible to be appointed as police chief as prescribed by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) guidelines.

Uttar Pradesh is not the only State to have violated these guidelines. Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Telangana, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, and Jharkhand are the other States which have also appointed DGPs "in-charge".

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with Acting DGP Prashant Kumar during an event.

Oddly, the order granting the apex scale to Mr. Kumar has not been publicised or issued in the public domain.

The last time such an order was issued, granting the apex scale to the previous Acting DGP, D.S. Chauhan, on March 30, 2023, the notification was released in the public domain.

"These are internal orders and were issued as per rules and regulations," a State government official said.

On September 23, 2023, the UPSC issued fresh guidelines regarding the appointment of State DGPs, stating that only those officers who have at least six months of service remaining would be considered for the post.

According to the IPS Pay Rules, 2016, "the post of DGP in the apex scale [Level 17] shall be filled by selection from amongst the officers holding the post of DGP in the State cadre in the Level 16 of the Pay Matrix".

Though the police force is a State subject, the IPS officers who are constituents of the All India Services are appointed by the UPSC on behalf of the Union government, and their services are placed under State cadres.

In 2009, the UPSC had first framed guidelines for the panel of officers eligible for appointment as State DGPs after a Supreme Court verdict in the police reforms case of 2006.

Former U.P. DGP Prakash Singh had filed the petition on police reforms, after which the court issued a slew of directions which required that the DGP be selected by the State government from among the three seniormost officers of the department who have been empanelled for promotion to that rank by the UPSC on the basis of the length of their service.

Health insurance for people aged 70 and above to be rolled out in a week: official

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Union government will roll out free health insurance for all senior citizens aged 70 and above under the flagship Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana within a week, a senior Health Ministry official said on Thursday. The Cabinet cleared the decision on Wednesday.

He said that initially there would be a pilot launch to sort out any issues that might arise. "It is an application-based scheme. People will need to register on the portal. Facility of face authentication is available on the portal, which will have a designated link for those above 70," he said.

The scheme aims to benefit approximately 4.5 crore families with six crore senior citizens by providing ₹5 lakh free health insurance cover on a family basis.

The scheme aims to benefit around 4.5 crore families with six crore senior citizens.

The Health Ministry said there would be no waiting period, no cooling-off period and that once eKYC was done, the card would be operational for use immediately. The Centre would continue to fund its share of the scheme (60%). The States are free to expand the scheme or modify it to include other age groups.

"Those who already have the Ayushman card will need to apply again for a new card and complete their eKYC again. Those having private insurance and ESIC beneficiaries can also apply for the AB PM-JAY scheme," the official said.

The official said that the probability of people aged 70 and above going to the hospital was higher than the rest of the population. Private insurance was difficult to obtain for such people.

"The Centre will work towards adding more packages that exclusively tend to geriatric care (old age-related ailments). This scheme is also expected to help women further as 58% of 70-plus people are women, 54% of them being widows," the official explained.

Data released by the Health Ministry said the scheme had covered 7.37-crore hospital admissions, including 49% women beneficiaries.

Delhi HC asks Puja Khedkar to respond to UPSC plea

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday told former probationary Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Puja Khedkar to respond to a plea by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) seeking initiation of perjury proceedings against her for allegedly giving false statement and affidavit in the court.

The commission said that the July 31 communication by which Ms. Khedkar's candidature was cancelled was communicated to her on her registered email ID the same day. The UPSC said that Ms. Khedkar made false statement that she had not been served with the order and she came to know of it only through the press release issued by the commission.

The court granted her three weeks to file reply and listed the matter for hearing on November 26.

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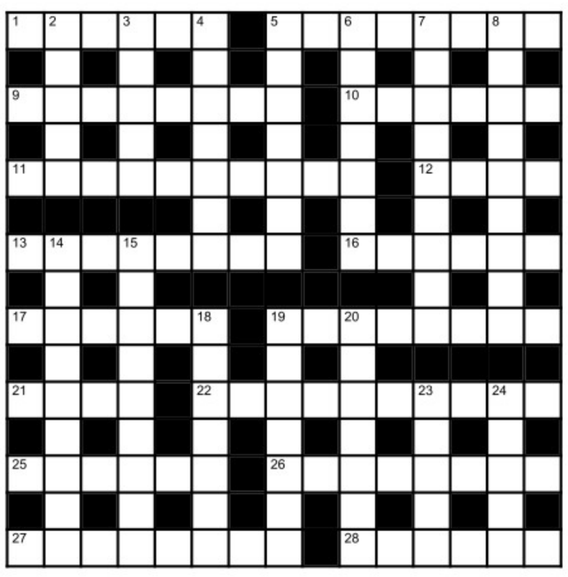

Across

1 Web designer noticed that lady in the East End of London (6)
5 Attack dislocates boy's hard shoulder (8)
9 About fellow student escaping perils in Bangalore and Chennai, say (8)
10 Regrettably returned Railway stipend (6)
11 For a change bitter cousin is perhaps not present (10)
12 Bob's "No Score" (4)
13 Churchman Spooner's 24/7 break? (8)
16 On reflection veiled princess is at serene state of equilibrium (6)
17 Good man's gamble to miss second European mutiny (6)
19 Applauding Peruvian leader moving up (8)
21 Pretty short stop (4)
22 Expert replaces criminal's formal statement in office (10)
25 Advocate's early signs of fearlessness and vision, often undertaking risks (6)
26 Lawyer's basically gaining knowledge (8)
27 Auditor gives up pudding and pie (8)
28 Boundless, least fiery and more basic ... (6)

Down

2 Set up Ian Ousley's keyboard (5)
3 Stray dog's first quarrel (5)
4 Appreciate authentic leaders in Indian Spice Exports (7)
5 Secured? On the contrary, set free (7)
6 Seaman's tax is swelling (7)
7 A lady's sad about early period? (5,4)
8 North-West Princess failed to start construction (9)
14 Inspire Charlie to become model escort (9)
15 Vice is not somehow leading to expulsions (9)
18 So, this Lord composed more prose? (7)
19 Penny has a lot of dogs (7)
20 Usual road frenzy (7)
23 Scandals blanked out Tesla founders (5)
24 Trace bishop missing in spring (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Lord takes form of Vamana

The Lord said, "Whenever righteousness declines, and unrighteousness prevails, I manifest Myself." Of all the manifestations, Perumal's avatar as Vamana is unparalleled, said Damal Perundevi. When the asuras were vanquished after the churning of the Milky Ocean, and Sukracharya revived the fallen asuras, including Mahabali, the devas sought relief from being persecuted by the asuras.

Aditi, mother of devas, prayed to her husband sage Kashyap to help the devas and he advised her to undertake the payo vrat and pray to Bhagawan, which she did diligently.

Perumal appeared to her in His full glory and assured her that He would manifest as Vamana through her and alleviate the problems of the devas.

Accordingly, He was born as Vamana at Siddhashram on the auspicious Shravana Dwadasi day during the Vijaya muhurat, with devas celebrating joyously. Forthwith, He stood upright, sporting the look of a bachelor ready to be initiated into the rituals of Brahmachari.

His upanayanam was conducted on a grand scale, with Bhooma Devi, Brahma and many devas showering gifts on Him. With the ubiquitous umbrella, He proceeded to the place of yagna being conducted by Mahabali. Vamana's very presence dazzled and mesmerised everyone.

INBRIEF

Dealers can claim input tax credit on demo cars: CBIC

Automobile dealers using demo cars for promoting sales can claim input tax credit (ITC) under the GST law, the CBIC has said. However, no ITC would be available if demo cars are used by dealers for own purpose during the course of business. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs said authorised dealers are required to maintain demo vehicles at their sales outlet as per dealership norms to provide trial runs and for demonstrating features to buyers. PTI

Vedanta plans to expand nickel sulphate production

Metals-to-oil conglomerate Vedanta said it plans to step up nickel and nickel sulphate production and tap rising demand for EV battery materials in countries in northeast Asia. "Vedanta Nico plans to expand its capacity for nickel and nickel sulphate production going forward," the company said in an emailed statement to Reuters, referring to its business unit. The company did not give details about production figures and investment numbers. REUTERS

'Domestic steel consumption to see 9-10% growth in FY25'

Domestic steel consumption is likely to witness a 9-10% growth this financial year, ICRA said. The demand for steel was robust in Q1 of the ongoing financial year with consumption growing at a rate of 15% on a YoY basis amid competitively priced imports, the rating agency said. Demand may record some sequential slowdown in the current quarter as it is seasonality associated with monsoon, following which government capex may display a back-ended pick up, it added. PTI

Industrial output grew 4.8% in July

In absolute terms, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) slipped to a three-month low; manufacturing output growth quickened to 4.6% last month, from June's 3.2%, making it the only broad segment in the IIP to clock a sequential uptick

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's industrial output grew 4.8% in July, the second-slowest pace in FY25, following an upgraded 4.7% rise in June, even as mining and electricity growth slowed and non-consumer durables' output slid by a sharp 4.4%, marking the third contraction in four months for the category.

In absolute terms, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) slid to a three-month low, with output levels declining 0.73% from June. Manufacturing output growth picked up to 4.6% in July, from 3.2% in June, and was the only broad segment to clock a sequential uptick over June's levels, albeit by a tepid 1.6%. Mining grew a mere 3.7% after a 10.3% rise in the previous month. Electricity generation growth slowed to 7.9% from 8.6% in June. On an end-use basis, output growth fell in four segments, from June's pace.

Silver lining: Capital goods' output grew at the sharpest pace of 12%, following a mere 3.8% uptick in June. REUTERS

Sharpest pace

Capital goods output grew at the sharpest pace of 12%, after June's 3.8% uptick, while intermediate goods production rose 6.8%, more than double the previous month's 3%. Primary goods growth slowed a tad to 5.9% from 6.3% in June, while infrastructure and construction goods rose 4.9% (7.1%).

Consumption trends were mixed even as consumer durables' output grew 8.2% from last August as non-durables' output fell a sharp 4.4%, after a 1.5% drop in June. In absolute terms, non-durables' output was the second-lowest in nine months while durables production was at a three-month low.

In the first four months of FY25, non-durables' output contracted 1.5% while durables rose 10%. Overall industrial output climbed 5.2% between April and July, a tad higher than the 5.1% uptick recorded in the year-earlier period.

Commodities lift Sensex, Nifty to new lifetime highs

Reuters
BENGALURU

India's benchmark indices hit record highs on Thursday as commodity stocks jumped on expectations that China is likely to cut interest rates on mortgages to boost consumption.

The Nifty 50 index and the S&P BSE Sensex rose about 2% each, hitting lifetime highs. The Nifty ended 1.89% higher at 25,388.9, while the Sensex rose 1.77% to 82,962.71.

The benchmarks have gained 17% and 15%, respectively, this year and are among the best performing globally, boosted by policy continuity, a strong macroeconomic outlook and liquidity surplus.

The Sensex crossed the 83,000 mark for the first time while Nifty logged its 55th record high in 2024.

All 13 major sectors gained. Metals jumped about 3%, while the energy and auto indexes gained about 2%.

China is expected to cut interest rates on mortgages, starting September, to boost consumption, according to a Bloomberg report. This, along with positive global cues, boosted markets, said Narendra Solanki, head of equity research at Anand Rathi.

'Will fuel liquidity'

"If China cuts mortgage rates, it would fuel liquidity in global markets and commodities should rally since China is the world's largest consumer of commodities, along with multiple rate cuts in the near term by big economies like the U.S. and European Union," Mr. Solanki said.

The odds of a 25-basis-point Fed rate cut on Sept. 18 rose to 85%, according to CME FedWatch.

Switch Mobility to roll out ultra low-floor e-buses to STCs soon

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Switch Mobility, the EV arm of Ashok Leyland, will start rolling out more than 1,200 ultra low-floor buses and 100 inter-city buses in the coming months, said CEO Mahesh Babu.

"We are gearing up to launch EiV12 ultra low-floor buses and EiV inter-city buses in the next one month for a couple of State transport corporations," Mr. Babu said during an interaction. "Next month, Switch will deliver 950 e-buses for Delhi STC and 320 for the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation. These buses will deliver a range of 300 km on a single charge and can accommodate 34-38 passengers," the CEO said.

Mahesh Babu

Welcoming the PM E-Drive scheme, Mr. Babu said the scheme would benefit 24 lakh vehicles, including 28,000 e-buses.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,963	1.77
US Dollar	83.96	0.03
Gold	74,350	-0.33
Brent oil	72.15	2.67

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2991.00	53.15
Adani Ports	1472.60	42.00
Apollo Hosp	7061.80	161.55
Asian Paints	3383.25	15.80
Axis Bank	1203.35	17.25
Bajaj Auto	11723.50	302.75
Bajaj Finserv	1854.85	21.70
Bajaj Finance	7428.30	82.75
Bharti Airtel	1646.75	68.95
BPCL	344.30	4.05
Britannia Ind	6109.25	100.60
Cipla	1657.25	28.90
Coal India	495.65	11.70
Divis Lab	5482.80	43.50
Dr Reddys Lab	6683.85	71.35
Eicher Motors	4875.00	148.35
Grasim Ind	2757.10	75.95
HCL Tech	1807.60	28.85
HDFC Bank	1666.60	22.70
HDFC Life	714.55	14.40
Hero MotoCorp	5803.15	148.70
Hindalco	676.20	28.50
Hind Unilever	2956.40	52.25
ICICI Bank	1252.15	15.80
IndusInd Bank	1443.35	22.15
Infosys	1950.45	40.30
ITC	519.50	5.15
JSW Steel	954.80	27.05
Kotak Bank	1827.45	38.20
L&T	3622.00	85.05
LTIMindtree Ltd.	6392.35	93.05
M&M	2740.90	86.65
Maruti Suzuki	12400.85	158.25
NestleIndia	2527.85	1.00
NTPC	404.85	15.20
ONGC	294.05	8.75
PowerGrid Corp	338.20	5.00
Reliance Ind	2959.60	56.60
SBI Life	1875.95	16.80
State Bank	787.75	19.15
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3400.75	120.85
Sun Pharma	1865.40	19.70
TataConsumerProduct	1222.75	18.35
Tata Motors	986.15	9.85
Tata Steel	151.74	3.57
TCS	4517.70	38.35
Tech Mahindra	1643.25	40.65
Titan	3764.25	53.15
UltraTech Cement	11710.25	222.80
Wipro	530.05	15.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 12

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.77	84.09
Euro	92.30	92.66
British Pound	109.30	109.73
Japanese Yen (100)	58.80	59.02
Chinese Yuan	11.76	11.81
Swiss Franc	98.10	98.48
Singapore Dollar	64.17	64.42
Canadian Dollar	61.71	61.95
Malaysian Ringitt	19.31	19.41
Australian Dollar	55.96	56.18

Source:Indian Bank

NMDC plans to spend ₹2,200 cr. to expand

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

State-owned miner NMDC will spend ₹2,200 crore in FY25 on establishing a slurry pipeline and new processing plants.

The investment comes in the backdrop of the company eyeing 100 million-tonne production by 2030. NMDC's production stood at a record 45 million tonne last fiscal. "The ambitious expansion will significantly improve NMDC's infrastructure and operations," the miner said.

The company, under the Union Steel Ministry, is also preparing to commence production at its 8 million tonne coking coal block by FY26, a move aimed at reducing India's dependency on coking-coal imports.

Critical minerals

The State-owned miner is also pursuing overseas mining opportunities for critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and nickel through its subsidiary, Legacy India Iron Ore, including lithium mining operations in Australia.

Star Health unveils 5-year plan in tie up with Policybazaar

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd., in association with Policybazaar, has announced the introduction of 'Super Star', a personalised health insurance plan with a five-year policy term for individuals and families alike.

"This is a digital-only product available through the Policybazaar website and Star Health's online portal here," the private insurer said in a statement.

PB Fintech Joint Group CEO Sarbvir Singh said that the 'Super Star' policy had been unveiled to address the need for a flexible and comprehensive health insurance.

Star Health MD Anand Roy with PB Fintech CEO Sarbvir Singh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The 'Super Star' plan has multiple sum insured options ranging from ₹5 lakh to ₹1 crore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, our client has lost the original documents viz., **1)** Sale deed dated 18-08-1980 document No.5782/1980-81, in respect of the property bearing Site Nos.19 and 20. **2)** Sale deed dated 18-08-1980 document No.5784/1980-81, in respect of the property bearing Site No.1. **3)** Sale deed dated 20-10-2004 document No.30847/2004-05, in respect of the property bearing Site No.1/3, of **Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** while taking Xerox near Ramaiah Hospital. Our client had lodged an online police complaint **on 12-09-2024, lost report No.1237124/2024.** If anybody found the said document please contact this **Nos.9844155041 and 9110600292.**

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CORRIGENDUM

This is to inform the general public, that we have released a Public Notice dated 08-08-2024, in respect of PUBLIC NOTICE we have made **Registered as Document No.231/1995** not **Registered as Document No.231/1994.**

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Place : Bangalore Date : 12-09-2024

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Public are informed that, my clients **SMT. UMA DEVI M.K, Aadhar No. 510231038518,** Daughter of M. Krishnamurthy, aged about 82 years, and **MS. TRISHA BHARADWAJ,** D/o. Smt. Parinatha S, aged about 20 years, **Aadhar No. 636792929368**, both are residing at. No.59, Pachhethene, 4th Cross, 4th Main, A.G.S. Layout, Bangalore-560 054 and are the absolute owners of All that piece and parcel of the residential undeveloped immovable property being a site bearing Corporation No.59, AGS Extension, Bangalore, Mathikere Sub Division, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore, and the site measuring **East to West 60 Feet, North to South 40 Feet,** totally measuring 2,400 Square Feet and bounded on: East by Road, West by Site No.45, North by Site No.60, South by Site No.58 affirms that the original **Sale deed dated 05.12.1984** executed by The Accountant General's Office Co-Operative Society Ltd., in favour of Smt. Uma Devi M.K. and duly registered as document No. 3705/1984-85, of Book-01, Volume No. 658, at pages 134 to 139 before the office of the Sub-registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, belongs to Smt. Uma Devi M.K and it has been lost/misplaced by my client and a police complaint has been also lodged on **10.09.2024** to this effect.

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S.SHABEER, Advocate,
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Sd/- Regional Manager, Regional Business Office – 06, Devanahalli

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'WhatsApp Payments not looking to be a fintech firm'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

WhatsApp Payments, Meta's payment aggregator feature on the messaging app, is not being envisaged as a separate business, but would be more of an enabler for WhatsApp Business, Ravi Garg, Vice President of WhatsApp Business Messaging told *The Hindu*.

Speaking on the sidelines of the first WhatsApp Business Summit 2024 here on Thursday, Mr. Garg said the payments aggregator should be seen as a different player in the market and must not be compared with Phone Pe and the likes. "We are not looking at becoming a... fintech."

Produce start-up Origin eyes quick commerce app rollout

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Origin, a Bengaluru-based fresh produce start-up said on Tuesday it would start a quick commerce service across the country and in several overseas markets.

The online, app-based platform would offer 250 varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables sourced from 15,000 farmers nationwide and from European markets, Vietnam, Thailand and Africa.

Prashanth Vasan, CEO, Origin said, the app would first be introduced in Bengaluru. To support it, the firm would set up 40 "dark stores" (1,000- 1,500 sq. ft. outlets for packing and readying produce for home delivery for specific localities) in the next 60 days.

The firm would begin with Indian metro cities and then foray into international markets, by next year, Mr. Vasan said.

He said customers would get fresh produce within 20 minutes of ordering and every customer will have a dark store within a two kilometre radius.

"You can choose the ripeness of bananas or other fruits you order. Avocados will come with AI enabled labels indicating when they are ready to be cut," he claimed.

Funding rounds

Origin has already roped in SandBox Logistics and other hyper local delivery partners for last mile reach, the firm said.

Mr. Vasan added, the startup was in the process of finalising its first funding of $10 million to fuel R&D and market expansion activities, and that funds were expected to in the next six months.

RedSeer estimates India's quick commerce industry is projected to touch $5.5 billion by 2025.

PETUSHKI

Russia puts Navalny lawyers on trial over 'extremism' charges

AP

A Russian court on Thursday put three lawyers who used to represent the late Opposition leader Alexei Navalny on trial over "extremism" charges. Navalny died in unclear circumstances in an Arctic prison colony in February, where he was serving a 19-year sentence for leading an "extremist" organisation. AFP

BEIJING

China to 'crush' foreign incursion in South China Sea: military official

REUTERS

China will "crush" any foreign incursion into its sovereign territory including in the South China Sea, a senior Beijing military official said on Thursday. In recent months, Chinese vessels have engaged in a series of high-profile confrontations with Philippine ships in the waters, which Beijing claims almost in their entirety. AFP

MOSCOW

China's Xi Jinping to visit Russia next month for the BRICS summit

AP

Chinese leader Xi Jinping will visit Russia next month for a summit of the BRICS bloc of developing economies, China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi confirmed on Thursday, a move that comes as Moscow and Beijing seek to counter the West's global influence. The two countries have also deepened their military ties since 2022. AP

QUETTA

Pakistani policeman shoots and kills man held at a police station

A policeman opened fire and killed a suspect held on accusations of blasphemy, inside a police station in Pakistan's Quetta on Thursday. The police said he had been arrested the day before, after officers snatched him from an enraged mob that claimed he had insulted Prophet Muhammed. The officer involved has been arrested. AP

At least 22,500 in Gaza have life-changing injuries: WHO

There had been between 13,455 and 17,550 'severe limb injuries overall which WHO said were the main driver of need for rehabilitation; report shows up to 4,050 limb amputations had occurred

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The World Health Organisation said on Thursday that at least a quarter of those hurt in the war raging in Gaza have suffered "life-changing injuries", many requiring amputations and other "huge" rehabilitation needs.

At least 22,500 of the people injured in Gaza in the 11 months since the war erupted will "require rehabilitation services now and for years to come", the WHO said in a statement.

"The huge surge in rehabilitation needs occurs in parallel with the ongoing decimation of the health system," Rik Peeperkorn, the WHO's representative for the Palestinian territories, said in a statement.

According to the Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza, at least 41,118 people have been killed in Israel's retaliatory offensive following the October 7 attack by Hamas militants, while over 95,000 have been wounded.

Relentless attack: A makeshift displacement camp in Mawasi in Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip, after an Israeli strike levelled it. AFP

Hamas attack

The Hamas attack inside Israel that sparked the war resulted in the deaths of 1,205 people, mostly civilians, according to a tally based on official Israeli figures, which also includes hostages killed in captivity.

Pointing to a fresh analysis of the types of injuries resulting from the conflict, the UN health agency said "many thousands of women and children" figured among those badly injured and that many had suffered more than one injury. It estimated there had overall been between 13,455 and 17,550 "severe limb injuries", which it said were the main driver of the need for rehabilitation.

The report showed that between 3,105 and 4,050 limb amputations had occurred. Other life-altering injuries including spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury and major burn injuries, it said.

At the same time, WHO said only 17 of Gaza's 36 hospitals are currently even partially functional, while primary health care services are frequently suspended or inaccessible due to insecurity, attacks and repeated evacuation orders.

Gaza's only limb reconstruction and rehabilitation centre, located in Nasser Medical Complex and supported by WHO ceased functioning last December due to lack of supplies and specialised health workers.

"Tragically, much of the rehabilitation workforce in Gaza is now displaced," the statement said.

"Immediate and long-term support is urgently needed," Mr. Peeperkorn said.

Gaza rescuers say 18 killed in Israeli strike on school

Agence France-Presse
GAZA STRIP

Israel bombed a school housing displaced Palestinians in central Gaza, which rescuers said killed 18 people, including UN staffers, while the Israeli Army said it hit a Hamas control centre.

The strike on Wednesday flattened part of the UN-run facility where Gazans had sought shelter, leaving only a charred heap of rebar and concrete.

UNRWA later said six of its staffers had been killed in two Israeli air raids on the Nuseirat school.

Meanwhile, four people were killed and eight injured when a vehicle exploded in the Israeli city of Ramla on Thursday.

Blinken ends Kyiv-focused Europe trip in Poland

Associated Press
WARSAW

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is wrapping up a three-nation, Ukraine-focused European tour in Poland after hearing repeated appeals from Ukrainian officials to use Western-supplied weaponry for long-range strikes inside Russia.

Mr. Blinken traveled to Warsaw on Thursday after spending a day in Kyiv with British Foreign Secretary David Lammy during which they pledged to bring the Ukrainian requests to their leaders.

President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer are to meet in the United States on Friday amid signs both Washington and London are growing more receptive to allowing the Ukrainians to use their arms to hit targets farther inside Russia than previously okayed.

Antony Blinken

NATO member Poland, which shares a border with Ukraine, has been supportive of the Ukrainians and Mr. Blinken is likely to hear further requests for easing weapons-use restrictions from Polish President Andrzej Duda, Prime Minister Donald Tusk and Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski. On Wednesday, Mr. Blinken and Mr. Lammy announced that the United States and Britain had pledged nearly $1.5 billion in additional aid to Ukraine during their visit to Kyiv. Mr. Blinken announced more than $700 million in humanitarian aid, while Mr. Lammy confirmed that his country would provide another $782 million in assistance and loan guarantees.

Much of the effort was aimed at bolstering the energy grid that Russia has repeatedly pounded ahead of an expected difficult winter.

Mr. Blinken said he would bring the discussion with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy about the missiles "back to Washington to brief the President".

U.K. PM Starmer outlines 'reform or die' plan for NHS

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer has said the country's National Health Service (NHS) needs to "reform or die" following a damning report on the state of Britain's free healthcare system.

"We know working people can't afford to pay more, so it's reform or die," Mr. Starmer said during a speech on Thursday.

The remarks followed the publication of a government commissioned report, authored by former U.K. Health Secretary and doctor, Ara Darzi, which said that the NHS was in "critical condition" although its "vital signs" were strong.

The report cites 14,000 additional deaths per year owing to the state of the healthcare system, long wait times, "crumbling buildings" and mental health patients being housed in "Victorian-era cells infested with vermin".

Contributing factors

A lack of capital investment during the 2010s, when the Conservative government was in power, as well as the impact of the pandemic were contributing factors to the current situation, as per the report.

Describing the state of the NHS as "devastating, heartbreaking, infuriating", Mr. Starmer said there would be no extra funding for the system without reform, as he outlined a ten year reform period centred on three thematic changes.

Mr. Starmer said the NHS would shift to greater digitisation, preventative medicine and more community-based - rather than hospital-based - care for patients.

The NHS is a significant employer of foreigners, with Indians leading the list.

A total of 60,533 Indian citizens were employed by the service as per the U.K. government data from June 2023.

At 86, Peru ex-President Alberto Fujimori dies

Agence France-Presse
LIMA

Peru's former President Alberto Fujimori, who ruled his country with an iron fist and then spent 16 years in prison for crimes against humanity, died on Wednesday at age 86 in the capital Lima.

Fujimori, who led Peru from 1990 to 2000, was released from prison on humanitarian grounds in December, two-thirds of the way through a 25-year sentence for crimes against humanity during his rule.

He was a key part of Peru's so-called war on terrorism.

Spanish PM Sanchez meets with exiled Venezuelan Opposition leader Gonzalez

Associated Press
MADRID

Venezuela's Opposition presidential candidate Edmundo González met with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Thursday, four days after fleeing to the European country in a negotiated deal with Nicolás Maduro's government.

Mr. Gonzalez's flight to exile – after weeks of seeking refuge in the embassies of the Netherlands and Spain in Caracas – had dealt a major blow to millions who placed their hopes in his Opposition campaign.

His supporters in Venezuela and beyond, along with the United States government, consider him the legitimate winner of the July 28 presidential election.

Show of solidarity

Mr. Sanchez, who was on a trip to China when Mr. Gonzalez arrived, posted a video of their meeting on Thursday on X. The two are seen strolling together in the Moncloa Palace gardens in Madrid.

Edmundo Gonzalez

Spain has welcomed Mr. González as a sign of its "humanitarian commitment and solidarity with Venezuelans," Mr. Sánchez said in his post.

On Wednesday, the Spanish Parliament approved a proposal from the conservative Popular Party urging Mr. Sánchez's left-wing coalition government to recognise the Opposition leader as the elected President of Venezuela. The motion is non-binding.

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HIGH PRAISE

Kohli played a big role in turning Test cricket around: Ponting

FILE PHOTO

Ricky Ponting hailed Virat Kohli's "big role" in revolutionising Test cricket in India and said the country's batters don't fear the big stage anymore. "Going back to Kohli's start of captaincy, (he) played a big role in turning the cricket around, and (Rahul) Dravid has continued the same in the recent four years."

ON FIRE

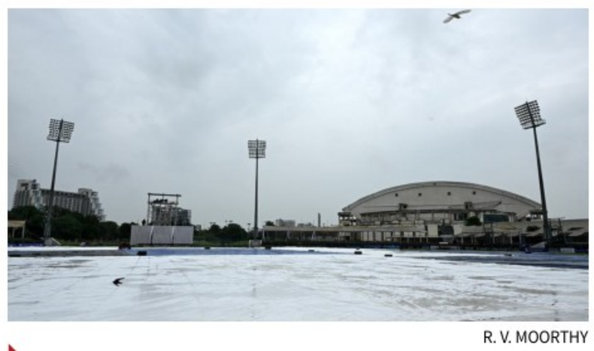
Travis Head joins elite list after smashing 30 runs in one over

AFP

Travis Head joined the elite list of Aussie batters after he smashed 30 runs in a single over in the first T20I match against England in Southampton. Head became the fifth Aussie cricketer to score most runs in one T20I over. Head slammed England's Sam Curran for three fours and three sixes during the fifth over of Australia's innings.

NOT A BALL BOWLED

Afghanistan-New Zealand one-off Test set to be abandoned



R. V. MOORTHY

The one-off Test between Afghanistan and New Zealand at Greater Noida is set to be abandoned without a ball being bowled. After the fourth day was also washed out, the ACB issued a statement saying that both coaches will address the media at 9 a.m. on Friday. It will be followed by a trophy presentation. **— Shayan Acharya**

BRAINSTORMING

Leander Paes discusses grassroots' importance with Sports Minister

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Multiple Grand Slam champion Leander Paes met Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and shared his experience and insights on what it takes to succeed at the highest level. Leander discussed building a stronger sports foundation in the country, with emphasis on identifying and nurturing talent at the grassroots level.

Indian juggernaut keeps rolling on merrily

Harmanpreet's brace and Araijeet's strike against Korea help the side to a fourth straight victory; the skipper's international tally swells to 201; Pakistan swamps China, Japan eases past Malaysia

ACT

Press Trust of India
HULUNBUIR (CHINA)

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh scored a brace as defending champion India beat Korea 3-1 to register its fourth consecutive win at the Hero Asian Champions Trophy here on Thursday. The two-goal show also saw Harmanpreet breach the 200-goal mark and he now has 201 goals.

Already assured of a semifinal berth, India will play Pakistan on Saturday in its last league match in the six-team competition.

The top four teams from the league stage will qualify for the semifinals scheduled on Monday, while the final will be played next Tuesday.

As has been the case in the tournament so far, the Indians started on an aggressive note with Araijeet Singh Hundal, who scored a brace against Malaysia, handing his side the lead in the eighth minute with a brilliant strike after being fed by Sukhjeet Singh.

Double century: Harmanpreet's first conversion saw the ace drag-flicker notch up his 200th goal.
X@THEHOCKEYINDIA

Landmark goal

A minute later, Raj Kumar Pal, who struck a hat-trick against Malaysia on Wednesday, earned a penalty corner and Harmanpreet converted with a powerful drag-flick. It was the veteran's 200th goal.

India's reserve goalkeeper Suraj Karkera was impressive under the bar, denying Korea on a few occasions in the second quarter.

After an impressive first quarter, the Indians seemed to have gone into a shell in the next 15 minutes as Korea dominated the proceedings with continuous forays on the rival citadel.

The Indian defence stood tall until Korea pulled a goal just at the stroke of half-time through Yang whose effort went into the net after getting a deflection from Manpreet Singh's stick from a penalty corner opportunity.

The Koreans secured back-to-back penalty corners in the 35th minute but India defended bravely.

India restored its two-goal lead in the 43rd minute when Harmanpreet scored with a powerful low flick to the left of the Korean goalkeeper Jaehan Kim.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Jarmanpreet Singh conceded a penalty corner but the Indian defence was up to the task.

Thereafter, the Indians controlled the proceedings and did not let Korea create any scoring opportunity.

In other matches, Pakistan routed China 5-1 and Japan scored a facile 4-0 win over Malaysia.

The results:

India 3 (Araijeet 8, Harmanpreet 9 & 43) bt Korea 1 (Yang 30).

Pakistan 5 bt China 1.

Japan 4 bt Malaysia 0.

Determined Mulani leads India-A's resurgence

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Abhishek Saini
ANANTAPUR

Shams Mulani (88 n.o., 174b, 8x4, 3x6) led India-A's retaliation and saw that its batting lasted the day against India-D in the second-round Duleep Trophy fixture at the Rural Development Trust Stadium on Thursday.

He found support in Statemate Tanush Kotian as the two put together 91 runs for the seventh wicket, salvaging the side from 144 for six. Khaleel Ahmed joined Mulani and led India-A to 288 for eight at stumps.

Mulani put up a clinic in playing close to the body and punching off his backfoot as he pocketed three boundaries through the point region off Arshdeep Singh and Vidwath Kaverappa. He swayed out of the line when Arshdeep probed him with bouncers.

India-D's favourable match up in off-spinner Saransh Jain did little to unsettle Mulani who established early bragging rights with a six over mid-wicket. Mulani went aerial against Saurabh Kumar too, depositing a length delivery over long-on to reach his half-century in 75 deliveries.

Kotian drew from his share of luck, slashing outside off against Saurabh and Saransh and beating the slip fielder on both occasions. But it ran out when his miscued heave went to mid-on off Saurabh.

In the morning session, India-A's top-order submitted to the pacers' enquiries outside the off stump.

Saviour: Mulani's unbeaten knock saved the blushes for India-A.
B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Mayank Agarwal lasted only 14 deliveries and was the first to poke away from his body and hole out at first slip. His opening partner Pratham Singh was ambushed by a Kaverappa bouncer and holed out to fine-leg.

Riyan Parag pulled India-A out of the early rut with his 29-ball 37. But it proved a case of one slog too many when Parag slogged and edged to first slip against Arshdeep.

Tilak Varma's painstaking watch was wasted when he got cramped inside his crease and edged to Shreyas Iyer off Saransh. Harshit Rana forced Shashwat Rawat into a slash outside off for yet another catch in the slip cordon, leaving India-A staring down the barrel at 93 for five.

Kumar Kushagra seemed to have cracked the code when he built a 51-run sixth-wicket partnership, but even he could not resist the urge to drive at a full-length delivery from Arshdeep and was picked at gully.

The scores:

India-A — 1st innings: Pratham Singh c Arshdeep b Kaverappa 7, Mayank Agarwal c Samson b Kaverappa 7, Tilak Varma c Shreyas b Saransh 10, Riyan Parag c Padikkal b Arshdeep 37, Shashwat Rawat c Shreyas b Harshit 15, Kumar Kushagra c Dubey b Arshdeep 28, Shams Mulani (batting) 88, Tanush Kotian c Arshdeep b Saurabh 53, Prasidh Krishna c (sub) Bharat b Harshit 8, Khaleel Ahmed (batting) 15; Extras (b-6, lb-10, nb-4): 20; Total (for eight wkts. in 82 overs): 288.

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-21, 3-65, 4-69, 5-93, 6-144, 7-235, 8-251.

India-D bowling: Harshit 16-4-49-2, Kaverappa 14-5-30-2, Arshdeep 18-3-73-2, Saransh 14-3-55-1, Saurabh 20-1-65-1.

Toss: India-D.

Indian players land in City for first Test

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Members of the Indian team arrived here on Thursday ahead of the first Test against Bangladesh starting on September 19. The players will begin training on Friday morning at the the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium.

Test cricket returns to Chennai for the first time since February 2021 when the venue hosted two matches against England during the pandemic.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh on Thursday named uncapped wicketkeeper-batter Jaker Ali in place of injured pacer Shoriful Islam in the squad for the two-Test series.

The Test series starts on September 19 in Chennai, followed by the final Test in Kanpur from September 27. The two match-series is a part of the ongoing World Test Championship cycle.

The Bangladesh squad: Najmul Hossain Shanto (Capt.), Shadman Islam, Zakir Hasan (wk), Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim (wk), Shakib Al Hasan, Litton Das (wk), Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Jaker Ali (wk), Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Nahid Rana, Taijul Islam, Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Nayeem Hasan, and Khaled Ahmed.

'When we see a smile on his face, we feel happy'

Sports Bureau
ANANTAPUR

Musheer Khan doesn't play cricket only for himself, but also for his father. His father Naushad Khan mostly travels with him and his elder brother Sarfaraz Khan. Naushad was spotted here on the first day of the second-round of the Duleep Trophy match between India-B and India-C.

The father having dedicated his life and made sacrifices for his sons' cricket careers is a well-known narrative.

Speaking about his father, Musheer said: "We play cricket for ourselves, but we also play cricket because we want to make him happy. He has worked so hard. So, at the end of the day or at the end of the tournament, when we see a smile on his face, we feel happy. Whether we score a zero or a hundred, dad should be happy (watching us play at the top-level)!"

For a 19-year-old who's shone this year in the ICC u-19 World Cup, the Ranji Trophy, and the Duleep Trophy so far, he said that it's just "the start of the journey."

He said that he admires his brother Sarfaraz's confidence and would like to imbibe that from him.

Indian men keep slate clean, women beat Czechs

CHESS OLYMPIAD

Sports Bureau

India, expectedly, posted wins in both the open and women's on day two of the Chess Olympiad in Budapest on Thursday.

The second-seeded Indian men thrashed Iceland 4-0, while the women, seeded first, defeated Czech Republic 3.5-0.5. The second round saw D. Gukesh, the World Championship challenger and standout performer at the Chennai Olympiad two years ago, play his first game of the tournament.

On the top board with black pieces, the 18-year-old Chennai lad beat Vignir Stefansson to open his campaign on a bright note. Before that, Arjun Erigaisi had defeated Hannes Stefansson on the second board.

Rousing start: Gukesh began in style in Budapest. FIDE

On the third, Vidit Gujrathi beat Hilmir Heimisson.

Some time later, P. Harikrishna won a long game against Helgi Gretarsson to ensure that the Indian men maintained their 100% record; they have won all their eight games so far.

Divya, Vantika win

In the women's section, India was served well on the second and third boards as Divya Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal scored wins over Natalie Kanakova and Tereza Rodshtein.

D. Harika, in her first game of this edition, overcame a strong challenge from Julia Movsesian on the top board to give India its third victory.

Tania Sachdev was held to a draw by Martina Korenova, who has an Elo rating of 2104 against her rival's 2386.

Ishan powers India-C to 357 for five

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
ANANTAPUR

That Ishan Kishan batted from out of nowhere was surprising but the sparkly strokes weren't, as his 111 (126b, 14x4, 3x6) helped India-C rack up 357 for five on day one against India-B in the second round of the Duleep Trophy at the Rural Development Trust Stadium B-ground here on Thursday.

This is the first-ever First Class match being played at the ground and Ishan, who initially wasn't in the India-C squad, marked the occasion with a special innings in which he seemed to be tested with short balls.

Lucky

In fact, he was dropped twice off short balls in successive overs when he was in his thirties. He pulled Navdeep Saini to deep backward square-leg where Nitish Kumar Reddy leapt and stopped a certain six but couldn't hold on to the ball. In the next over, Ishan mistimed a pull off Nitish and this time, Mukesh Kumar from mid-on had to shuffle, turn back, run, and dive but could not pouch it.

But these were just aberrations in an otherwise dominant innings. For instance, after tea, he hooked a short ball off Saini behind square on the leg-side for a six over the tall Sai Kishore. He brought up his hundred with a straight driven four off Sai Kishore and then seemingly decided to go for the jugular. After a pull for a six to square-leg off Mukesh, he charged and missed his big hit to be bowled off the next ball.

He added 189 runs with B. Indrajith (78, 136b, 9x4), who dug in and held on to the other end. Indrajith was fortunate when he edged Saini to be caught by Sarfaraz Khan at slip off a no-ball. A spin-master, he remarkably played two exotic cover drives off Sai Kishore.

Skipper and opener Ruturaj Gaikwad retired hurt a ball after he hit the first delivery of the match for a four off Mukesh.

He apparently twisted his ankle while running and appeared in serious discomfort before going off. However, he returned after Ishan's dismissal and seemed to continue the latter's flamboyant stroke-making.

In top gear: Ishan dominated the India-B bowlers during his aggressive innings. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The scores:

India-C — 1st innings: Ruturaj Gaikwad (batting) 46, Sai Sudharsan c Saini b Mukesh 43, Rajat Patidar b Saini 40, Ishan Kishan b Mukesh 111, B. Indrajith b Chahar 78, Abishek Porel lbw b Mukesh 12, Manav Suthar (batting) 8; Extras (b-4, lb-5, w-5, nb-5): 19; Total (for five wkts. in 79 overs): 357.

Fall of wickets: 1-96, 2-97, 3-286, 4-311, 5-345.

India-B bowling: Mukesh 21-3-76-3, Saini 17-2-78-1, Washington 10-0-55-0, Nitish 14-2-58-0, Sai Kishore 12-0-46-0, Rahul Chahar 5-0-35-1

Toss: India-B.

INBRIEF

Head and Zampa star as Australia downs England

Travis Head scored a valuable 59 and leg-spinner Adam Zampa took two cheap wickets as Australia defeated England by 28 runs in the first T20 International at Southampton on Wednesday.

The scores: Australia 179 in 19.3 overs (Head 59, Livingstone 3/22) bt England 151 in 19.2 overs (Abbott 3/28).

Rashid returns to Afghanistan squad for SA ODI series

Rashid Khan has been included in the Afghanistan squad for the three-match one-day series against South Africa. The matches will be played on September 18, 20 and 22 at the Sharjah Stadium, which will become the first ground in the world to host 250 ODIs.

The squad: Hashmatullah Shahidi (capt.), Rahmat Shah, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ikram Alikhil, Abdul Malik, Riaz Hassan, Darwish Rasooli, Azmatullah Omarzai, Mohammad Nabi, Gulbadin Naib, Rashid Khan, Nangeyalia Kharote, Allah Mohammad Ghazanfar, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Bilal Sami, Naveed Zadran, and Fareed Ahmad.

Blockbuster MBSG-MCFC duel to kick off new ISL season

The 11th season of Indian Super League will premier with a contest featuring two of the league's most proficient sides – Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) and Mumbai City FC (MCFC). There cannot be a better way to start the long season as MBSG, the ISL Shield winner, launches its title defence against the ISL Cup winner, the Islanders. The two heavyweights have dominated the title duels in three of the last four seasons, with MBSG and MCFC winning the Shield and Cup among themselves in the last two seasons. MCFC bagged a double (League Shield and Cup) in the 2020-21 season beating league-debutant MBSG (formerly ATK Mohun Bagan).

Friday's match: MBSG vs MCFC, 7.30 p.m.

Tharun in the last eight of Vietnam Super 100

Tharun Mannepalli defeated Finland's Joakim Oldorff 21-7, 23-21 to enter the quarterfinals at the Vietnam Super 100 tournament in Ho Chi Minh City on Thursday.

The results: Men: Singles: Tharun Mannepalli bt Joakim Oldorff (Fin) 21-7, 23-21; Wang Zheng Xing (Chn) bt Bharat Raghav 21-12, 21-18; Jia Wei Joel Koh (Sgp) bt Alap Mishra 21-14, 20-22, 21-16. **Doubles:** Lu Chen & Po Li-Wei (Tpe) bt Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy & Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala 21-16, 21-13. **Women:** Dai Wang (Chn) bt Rakshitha Sree Santhosh Ramraj 21-18, 23-21; Mutiara Ayu Puspitasari (Ina) bt Isharani Baruah 22-20, 21-17. **Doubles:** Lee Chih Chen & Lin Yen Yu (Tpe) bt Priya Konjengbam & Shruti Mishra 21-18, 21-13. **Mixed doubles:** Sathish Kumar Karunakaran & Aadya Variyath bt Chen Cheng Kuan & Hung Yu-En (Tpe) 21-18, 21-11; Dhruv Kapila & Tanisha Crasto bt B. Navaneeth & Ritika Thaker 21-9, 21-7.

Google is the title sponsor for World chess championship

Google is the title sponsor of the World chess championship match between Ding Liren and D. Gukesh, beginning in Singapore on November 23. FIDE's CEO Emily Sutovsky said the game's governing body was thrilled to partner with Google. "It is a milestone for our sport," he said.

Indian challenge ends in Hong Kong Open badminton

Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand fought hard before going down 11-21,20-22 to Liu Sheng and Tan Ning of China in a women's doubles pre-quarterfinals match of the Hong Kong Open badminton on Thursday. Later, Malaysia's Goh Soon Huat and Lai Shevon Jemie of Malaysia got the better of Sumeeth Reddy and Sikki Reddy 21-11, 22-20 in mixed doubles pre-quarterfinals.

Neeraj and Sable in the fray in DL season finale

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will have lofty expectations to live up to, while for steeplechaser Avinash Sable, it would be an opportunity to make up for a disappointing show at the Paris Olympics, when the the star-studded Diamond League season finale begins in Brussels on Friday. The showpiece will be held over two days for the first time and the field features top athletes from all continents, including an unprecedented number of Olympic medallists, who will fight it out in 32 disciplines.

Lively interaction: Prime Minister Modi shares a light moment with the para-athletes. (Right): The medal-winners proudly show their medals at the felicitation function hosted by Indian Oil along with PCI. ANI & PTI

Paralympians meet PM, Indian Oil announces scholarships at felicitation

Javelin thrower Sumit dedicates his gold to Modi; IOC to introduce medical insurance and sports kits for para-athletes as part of its commitment

PARALYMPICS

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Having bettered its own previous best medal haul at the Paris Paralympics, the PCI is confident of inching closer to 50 medals at the 2028 LA Games. Paralympic Committee of India president Devendra Jhajharia insisted on Thursday that the country's para sportspersons will better their tally and get at least 40-50 medals in the next edition. India went from 19 medals in Tokyo to 29 at Paris.

"I want to thank everyone for the support they have shown for our para-athletes. Felicitations and encouragement from government and corporates will only motivate them to do better. I am confident that in LA 2028 we will only get better from here.

PCI president's promise

"I promise everyone on behalf of the athletes that we will win at least 40 to 50 medals in the next edition," Jhajharia said during a function hosted by the Indian Oil Corporation along with PCI here.

IOC had signed an MoU with the PCI in October last year as part of its Road to Paralympics 2024 programme that included support for para-athletes at the Asian Para Games and the World Para Shooting Championships, besides Paris.

P&NG ministry secretary Pankaj Jain, emphasising the need to enhance existing support for para athletes from oil companies, announced that Indian Oil would be introducing monthly scholarships, medical insurance and sports kits for para-athletes as part of its commitment.

It was a busy day for the Paralympians who met Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier in the day and interacted with him, thanking him for constant encouragement and support.

"The way you have accepted and supported para-athletes is unprecedented," high jumper Sharad Kumar said.

Javelin thrower Sumit Antil dedicated his gold to the PM, saying it was his way to keep the promise made after Tokyo Paralympics to bring back another gold even as the PM teased Navdeep Singh for his aggressive celebrations.

On top: Railways' Bikram won the men's 200m butterfly. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tamil Nadu men set 4x100m National medley relay record

NATIONAL AQUATICS

Sports Bureau
MANGALURU

Nithik Nathella, Danush Suresh, Benedicton Rohit and Adhithya Dinesh created a National meet record for Tamil Nadu by clocking 3:45.66s in the men's 4x100m medley relay in the 77th Senior National aquatic championships on Thursday.

Railways' Bikram Changmai (2:02.76s) won the men's 200m butterfly.

The results: Winners: Men: 1,500m freestyle: Aneesh Gowda (Kar) 16:06.11s. **50m freestyle**: Mihir Ambre (Mah) 22.66s. **50m backstroke:** Akash Mani (Kar) 26.24s. **200m butterfly:** Bikram Changmai (Railway) 2:02.76s. **4x100m medley**: Tamil Nadu (Nithik Nathella, Danush Suresh, Benedicton Rohit, Adhithya Dinesh) 3:45.66s (NMR; Old: Services Sports Control Board 3:47.22s).

Women: **800m freestyle**: Vritti Agarwal (Tel) 9:16.14s. **50m freestyle**: Mahi Swetraj (Bih) 26.85s. **50m backstroke**: Soubrity Mondal (Ben) 30.14s. **200m butterfly**: Hashika Ramachandra (Kar) 2:21.16s. **4x100m medley**: Odisha (Pratyasa Ray, Mannata Mishra, Shristi Upadhyaya, Sonia Patel) 4:27.90s.

Dabeet obliges in the M.S. Suresh Memorial Trophy

RACING

MYSURU: Mahesh V. Chakankar's Dabeet (G. Vivek up), won the M.S. Suresh Memorial Trophy, the main event of the races held here on Thursday (Sept 12). The winner is trained by J.S. Pillay.

THE RESULTS:

1. SQUANDERER PLATE (DIV. II): MEGHANN (Abhishek Mhatre) 1, Epsom Downs (Dhanu S) 2, Firefinch (R. Pradeep) 3 and Chiraag (Afsar) 4. 1-1/4, 3/4 and 2-3/4. 1m, 07.26s. ₹19 (w), 10, 17 and 18 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 51, FP: 94, Q: 55, Trinella: 263, Exacta: 452. Favourite: Meghann. Owner and trainer: Mr. Warren Singh.

2. SHIVAKASHI PLATE: SUPER SEXY (Koshi K) 1, Square Cut (Sai Kiran) 2, Country's Light (M. Prabhakaran) 3 and Miracle Honey (G. Manikandan) 4. 1-3/4, 1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 13.59s. ₹117 (w), 30, 16 and 27 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 63, FP: 233, Q: 70, Trinella: 1,777, Exacta: 14,502 (carried over). Favourite: Elevado. Owner: Mr. Sunil Santhosh Serrao. Trainer: R. Helleal Moses.

3. SQUANDERER PLATE (DIV. I): CELERIO (Afsar Khan) 1, Tropical Mist (Abhishek Mhatre) 2, Benzema (Rayan) 3 and Emeraldo (R. Pradeep) 4. 2-3/4, Shd and 2-3/4. 1m, 06.24s. ₹37 (w), 15, 18 and 15 (p), SHP: 54, THP: 64, FP: 285, Q: 107, Trinella: 670, Exacta: 6,155. Favourite: Tropical Mist. Owner: Mr. Girish Byrappa. Trainer: S. Santosh Rao.

4. DENNIS & YVONNE JARVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I): SAINT EMILION (L.A. Rozario) 1, River Of Gold (Dhanu S) 2, Flying Falcon (Faiz) 3 and Emerald Queen (Abhishek Mhatre) 4. Not run: Gilded Butterfly. Lnk, 2 and 1-3/4. 1m, 12.30s. ₹165 (w), 40, 31 and 15 (p), SHP: 113, THP: 44, FP: 1,729, Q: 2,291, Trinella: 25,376. Exacta: 60,077 (carried over). Favourite: Emerald Queen. Owner: Rapar`s Galloping Stars LLP. Trainer: Dinesh Pujar.

5. M.S. SURESH MEMORIAL TROPHY: DABEET (G. Vivek) 1, High Opinion (P. Sai Kumar) 2, Dynamic Force (Sai Kiran) 3 Absolute Conquerer (R. Pradeep) 4. Not run: D Fronx and Magic Circle. 1-3/4, 1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m, 25.09s. ₹10 (w), 10, 18 and 14 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 31, FP: 46, Q: 44, Trinella: 188, Exacta: 330. Favourite: Dabeet. Owner: Mr. Mahesh V Chakankar. Trainer: J.S. Pillay.

6. DENNIS & YVONNE JARVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II): SMILE OF BEAUTY (Koshi K) 1, Super Kind (Abhishek Mhatre) 2, Natural Light (G. Vivek) 3 and Infiniteposibility (Prabhu K) 4. 1-1/2, 3-1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 11.88s. ₹35 (w), 14, 10 and 10 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 38, FP: 125, Q: 41, Trinella: 210, Exacta: 11,286. Favourite: Super Kind. Owners: M/s. Ashok Ranpise & Mr. S. Dominic. Trainer: S. Dominic.

7. DENNIS & YVONNE JARVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. III): CHOTIPARI (Sai Kiran) 1, Island Lass (Faiz) 2, Thalaivaa (Md. Sameer) 3 and Armament (Gautam Raj) 4. 7-3/4, 5 and 3-1/4. 1m, 11.55s. ₹10 (w), 13, 27 and 13 (p), SHP: 59, THP: 27, FP: 104, Q: 59, Trinella: 464, Exacta: 6,667. Favourite: Chotipari. Owners: Mr & Mrs. A.V. Rukhana, Mr. H.A. Rukhana & Ms. Minal A Rukhana. Trainer: Warren Singh.

Jackpot: ₹12,614 (one tkt.).
Mini Jackpot: 707 (one tkt.).
Treble (i): 2,865 (carried over); (ii): 45 (34 tkts.).

Phoenomenon for F.K. Irani Memorial Million

MYSURU: Phoenomenon, who is in fine fettle, is expected to score in the F.K. Irani Memorial Million (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Friday (Sept. 13). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 PADDOCK PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Against All Odds (3) Sham Kumar 62.5, 2. Natural Fly (8) Aman 62, 3. Davids Delight (9) K. Mukesh Kumar 61.5, 4. Vardaan (11) Antony 61, 5. Polar Wind (1) L.A. Rozario 58.5, 6. Warrior Woman (7) J. Paswan 58.5, 7. Vandan (4) Md. Imran Ashraf 58, 8. Deemed To Fire (6) Kiran Rai 57, 9. Clyde Star (12) Jagadeesh 55, 10. Festive Star (2) Md. Sameer 55, 11. White Lies (10) Dhanu S 53.5 and 12. Eco System (5) Sai Kiran 52.5.
1. VARDAAN, 2. POLAR WIND, 3. WHITE LIES

2 TALAKADU PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Natural One (4) G. Vivek 61.5, 2. Seoul (8) Sai Kiran 61, 3. O Manchali (2) Antony 58.5, 4. Copper Sunrise (3) M. Rajesh K 57.5, 5. N R I Touch (1) A. Baandal 57.5, 6. Natural Gold (12) Aman 57.5, 7. Coorg General (5) Dhanu S 54.5, 8. D Lord (–) (–) 54.5, 9. Pette's Choice (13) Jagadeesh 54.5, 10. Red Hills (9) Md. Sameer 53.5, 11. What Is This (10) Kiran Rai 53.5, 12. Sarvottam (11) S. Shareef 52.5 and 13. Break Away (6) Akash Agarwal 51.5.
1. O MANCHALI, 2. NATURAL ONE, 3. SEOUL

3 JOG FALLS PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Confident Game (1) K. Mukesh Kumar 62, 2. Hero Of The East (5) Afsar Khan 60.5, 3. Aurele (4) Antony 59, 4. Dornish (8) Akash Agarwal 59, 5. D Don King (6) S. Imran 58, 6. Forest View (9) L.A. Rozario 57.5, 7. Dalhousie (10) Jagadeesh 56.5, 8. Brocston (2) S. Shareef 55, 9. Veera (3) Salman Khan 53.5, 10. Michelle Pride (7) M. Rajesh K 53 and 11. Feronia (11) Abhishek Mhatre 52.5.
1. FOREST VIEW, 2. AURELE, 3. CONFIDENT GAME

4 POLICE TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Indian Blues (6) Kiran Rai 61, 2. Ibrahimovic (10) R. Shiva K 57, 3. Jersey King (5) Suraj 57, 4. Miraculous Girl (2) Gautam Raj 55.5, 5. The Flying Feet (8) S. Imran 54, 6. Cloudy Hills (3) L.A. Rozario 53.5, 7. Weronika (11) Madhu Sudhan 53.5, 8. Augusto (12) Tousif 52.5, 9. Twilight Fame (1) Angad 52, 10. Subha (7) G. Manikandan 50.5, 11. Furious Fun (9) R. Girish 50 and 12. Winter Storm (4) M. Rajesh K 50.
1. JERSEY KING, 2. INDIAN BLUES, 3. TWILIGHT FAME

5 F.K. IRANI MEMORIAL MILLION (1,200m), 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. La Mcqueen (1) Antony 57, 2. Phoenomenon (3) Akshay K 57, 3. Divine Art (7) Suraj 55.5, 4. Hand Of God (2) Sai Kiran 54, 5. Lockheed (–) (–) 54, 6. Rodney (5) S. Saqlain 54 and 7. N R I Ace (6) Angad 52.5.
1. PHOENOMENON, 2. DIVINE ART

6 M.W. CHINNAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 & above, 4-30: 1. Segera (7) Angad 66, 2. Stag's Leap (1) L.A. Rozario 60, 3. Czar (5) Antony 59.5, 4. Tom Cruiser (3) K. Mukesh Kumar 59, 5. Ashtar (4) J. Paswan 58.5, 6. Court Jester (8) Faiz 53, 7. Brave Trooper (2) Abhishek Mhatre 52 and 8. Seolfor Bullet (6) Dhanu S 51.
1. CZAR, 2. TOM CRUISER, 3. BRAVE TROOPER

7 YELAHANKA PLATE (1,100m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Silver Spring (4) Aman 60, 2. Saro Gold Mine (1) Abhishek Mhatre 57.5, 3. Biometric (3) Ayaz Khan 56, 4. Hasting Sunrise (6) G. Umesh 55, 5. Natural Tornado (7) Shyam Kumar 54.5, 6. Spiritual Force (8) K. Mukesh Kumar 54, 7. Tower Quest (2) Kiran Rai 54 and 8. Gold Crest (5) A. Baandal 53.5.
1. SILVER SPRING, 2. GOLD CREST, 3. TOWER QUEST

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Mini Jkt: 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Shikar scalps five

Shikar Shetty's five for 41 helped KSCA Secretary's XI defeat Andhra by nine runs on the final day of the KSCA-Dr. Capt. Thimmappaiah memorial tournament match at Alur grounds near Bengaluru.

The scores: Madhya Pradesh 187 & 302/7 decl. in 86 overs (Harpreet Singh 100 n.o., Arshad Khan 30) drew with KSCA XI 201 in 86.2 overs & 164/2 in 58 overs (L.R. Chethan 45, S.J. Nikin Jose 28, Akshan S. Rao 53 n.o., R. Smaran 28 n.o.).

Chhattisgarh 467 & 194 for 7 decl. bt Goa 261 & 200 in 65.4 overs (Abhinav Tejrana 94, Darshan Mishal 25, Arjun Tendulkar 48 n.o., Shubham Agarwal 3/56).

Vidarbha 331 & 329 for 9 decl. in 81.1 overs (Akshay Karnewar 98, Paras Gurbax Arya 3/96) drew with KSCA President's XI 216 & 137/4 in 45 overs (Aneeshwar Gautam 54 n.o.); KSCA Secretary's XI 181 & 296 bt Andhra 188 & 280 in 78.5 overs (Aswin Hebbar 85, Shikhar Shetty 5/41).

Mumbai 476 bt Gujarat 187 & 280 in 99.2 overs (Rudra Patel 43, Kushan Patel 38, Dixit Prajapati 26 n.o., Shashank Attarde 3/76, Atharva Ankolekar 3/64).

At Mysuru: Odisha 468 drew with Baroda 404 in 149.4 overs (Sukirt Pandey 184, Atit Sheth 63, Sumit Sharma 4/115); Dr. DY Patil CA 452 & 110/2 in 22 overs (Parth Sahani 36 n.o., Harshal Jadhav 58 n.o.) drew with KSCA Colts 408 in 115.1 overs (P. Dhruv 34, Dheeraj J. Gowda 88, Parth Sahani 4/44).

LIVE TELECAST

Duleep Trophy: Sports 18-3 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.

Afghanistan vs New Zealand: Only Test, day 5, Eurosport (SD & HD) & FanCode, 9.30 a.m.

ISL: Sports 18-3 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 7.30 p.m.

England vs Australia: 2nd T20I, Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 11 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday)

LaLiga: gxr.world, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

Unnathi bags the gold in 100m hurdles with a new meet mark

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Unnathi Aiyappa won the women's 100m hurdles quite comfortably in a record time of 13.93s in the South Asian junior athletics meet here on Thursday, though her time here was way below her personal best of 13.66 set in Dubai this year and she wasn't happy with it.

It was a memorable experience for two other Indians, who created new meet records with their personal best. Ritik came first in men's discus, heaving the sphere to a distance of 55.64m while Anisha finished on top in women's discus with a throw of 49.91m.

India bagged nine gold medals out of 10 on offer.

"I am very frustrated (with my performance). I just pushed at the last minute. I am not at my peak due to travelling. I had come directly from the World juniors in Peru," Unnathi said.

Powering through: Unnathi finished on top in 100m hurdles in a record time. R. RAGU

The results (Indians, unless otherwise mentioned): Men: 110m hurdles: 1. W.P. Sandun Koshala (SL) 14.06, 2. Nayan Pradip Sarde 14.14, 3. E. Vishwa Tharuka Hariharan 14.27; **400m:** 1. Jay Kumar 46.86s, 2. J. Omel Shashintha (SL) 47.17, 3. P. Abiram 47.49; **long jump:** 1. R.C. Jithin Arjunan 7.61m, 2. Mohd. Atta Sazid 7.41, 3. Duwage Thevindu (SL) 7.22; **3000m:** 1. Sharuk Khan 8:26.06s, 2. Mohit Choudhary 8:27.61, 3. B.K. Ajaya (Nep) 9:08.91; **discus:** 1. Ritik 55.64m (NMR, OR: Sachin, 54.44, Ranchi, 2013), 2. Raman 51.22, 3. W.C. Diluk, Dabarera (SL) 39.24.

Women: 100mH: 1. Unnathi Aiyappa 13.93s (NMR, OR: S. Kumari, 14.19, Colombo, 2018), 2. Sabita Toppo 13.96, 3. P.G. Miyuni Sidasna (SL) 15.32; **400m:** 1. Neeru Pathak 54.50, 2. Sandra Mol Sabu 54.82, 3. K. Takshima Nuhansa (SL) 55.27; **3000m:** 1. Prachi Ankush 9:57.26s, 2. Shilpa Dihora 10:04.23, 3. T.K.G. Dulanji (SL) 10.39.39; **long jump:** 1. Prathiksha Yamuna 5.79m, 2. S.N. Lakshanya 5.75, 3. H.R. Dhananjaya (SL) 5.73;

Discus: 1. Anisha 49.91m (NMR, OR: A. Bajwa, 48.60m, Colombo, 2018), 2. Amanat Kamboj 48.38, 3. J.H. Gauranganie (SL) 37.95.